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APPREHENSION FELT IN UNITED STATES OF CLOSER VICHY-NAZI COLLABORATION

Widespread Paris Demonstrations In Favour Of General de Gaulle

LITTLE NEWS OF SYRIAN SITUATION

MR. CORDELL HULL, UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, TOLD REPORTERS IN WASHINGTON THAT ENOUGH FACTS HAVE REACHED THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT ENTIRELY THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON FRIDAY SETTING FORTH AMERICAN APPREHENSION OF CLOSER NAZI-VICHY COLLABORATION, STATES A REUTER MESSAGE.

The extent of the Franco-German collaboration and the ultimate intentions will be revealed in a joint communiqué which will shortly be issued in Madrid, says the Berlin correspondent of the INFORMACIONES.

The correspondent adds that in Berlin it is claimed, the French have the perfect right to permit the passage of German troops through Syria.

NIZAM OF HYDERABAD APPEALS TO MUSLIMS

HYDERABAD, May 18 (Reuter)—THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD has issued a special manifesto strongly appealing to Muslims in India to join him in expressing disapproval of the action of Rashid Ali and his colleagues.

The Nizam points out that Rashid Ali had offended against one of the most solemn precepts of Islam which is to honour the pledged word.

GERMANS LOST 65 PLANES

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—The Germans have lost 65 planes over and round the coasts of Britain during the week ending at dawn on May 17.

The plane which brought Herr Hess makes the total of the enemy losses to 66.

One British fighter was lost, but the pilot was saved.

The manifesto says: "The recent events in Iraq are such as may possibly cause misgivings in the minds of those Muslims in my Dominions and India and the Near East generally who are not fully conversant with the situation in that country and who, therefore, may possibly misunderstand the action, military and other, that the British Government have been compelled to take in order to deal with the situation.

In order, therefore, to reassure the Muslim peoples and allay any doubts or misgivings they may have, I am sending you this information available in regard to the present position in Syria.

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Numerous French citizens in the United States, including the film actor, CHARLES BOYER, have sent messages to President Roosevelt expressing their loyalty to the ideals expressed in his statement condemning the Vichy Government's deal with Germany.

In Mexico City, too, there have been protests by French citizens against the policy of the Vichy Government.

It has just been learned that widespread demonstrations in favour of General de Gaulle occurred in Paris last week during the anniversary of Joan of Arc.

It is stated that 43 persons were arrested.

LITTLE INFORMATION

CAIRO, May 18 (Reuter)—There are no reports of further German planes. It was stated in authoritative military circles. There is little information available in regard to the present position in Syria.

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Gravity Of Anglo-French Relations

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—The gravity of Anglo-French relations brought about by developments in Syria is again stressed by the leading British newspapers this morning.

"Events in the past few days revealed beyond all possibility the concealment that effective controllers of French policy sit in Paris or Berlin and that Admiral Darlan and other men of Vichy, no less than M. Laval himself, are puppets manipulated by Herr Abetz and Herr Hitler," says THE TIMES.

It continues: "It would be unfair to saddle the French people as a whole with the craven complicity of Vichy—a name likely to become as symbolical as the Quisling."

In any case, there will be no faltering in the British action.

ACT OF BETRAYAL
"President Roosevelt lost no time in issuing a stern condemnation of Vichy's act of betrayal."

The DAILY TELEGRAPH says: "President Roosevelt spoke of the pledges given by Marshal Petain as a bare minimum to the honour required."

"He made it clear that in breaking them the French Government cut themselves off from the friendly relations with the United States and he called on the people of France to reject and hold out against the policy of alliance with Germany, what the people of France would choose if the choice were open is not in doubt."

"They are for freedom and honour and against Admiral Darlan and his crew."

FIRE FIGHTING FORCES WILL BE MADE MORE MOBILE AND FLEXIBLE

The most important thing that had happened at Home last week was the Government's decision to bring all fire brigades under control of the Home Office, said MR. E. A. MONTAGUE, B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London last night.

Mr. Montague said that there were 1,400 separate fire brigades in England and Wales. When there were heavy raids brigades from other towns were called in and all the firemen acted under the order of the home brigade officer who may be junior in rank and inferior in skill.

Moreover, at the same time, he had to arrange for the feeding and billeting of the outside firemen. Under the new arrangement of central control the fire brigades in each area in every area will be grouped together. When a town is heavily raided the firemen will be controlled by a man of sufficient skill and not the senior man who happens to be there.

Conditions for all firemen will be uniform and Britain's fire fighting forces will be more mobile and flexible.

The individual fireman had been magnificent but it was the handling of him that had been imperfect and the change would improve this.

FIRE-WATCHERS

Turning to fire-watchers, Mr. Montague said that they could not be organised on a voluntary basis but in the city of London and incidentally, Manchester, all men between the ages of 18 and 60 were registered for compulsory fire-watching. This system was not working as well as it could.

Today's News Summary

IN THE UNITED STATES apprehension is felt of closer Nazi-Vichy collaboration bearing out the statement made by President Roosevelt on Friday. Of the situation in Syria there is little information. More German planes have arrived at Syrian bases. There have been widespread demonstrations in Paris in favour of Gen. de Gaulle.

THERE IS FLUID MOBILE warfare in the Western Desert where the focus of the fighting is now centred around the frontier. Steady fighting is continuing around Amba Alagi the fate of which is virtually sealed.

THE SHIPBUILDING WORKS at Hamburg were heavily attacked by bombers of the R.A.F. on Saturday night while over Britain enemy air activity was on a very slight scale. During last week the Germans lost 65 planes.

GENERAL CATROUX HAS broadcast an impassioned call to Frenchmen in Syria while the Nizam of Hyderabad has issued a manifesto calling on all Muslims to join in his expression of disapproval of the action of Rashid Ali in Iraq.

THE ARREST OF THE wife of Herr Hess in Berlin is reported. An extensive purge has begun. Meanwhile statements made by Herr Hess, who is still in a military hospital, are being examined by the Prime Minister at No. 10, Downing Street.

EDGAR WALLACE AND HESS!

In a broadcast from London last night, MR. E. A. MONTAGUE, B.B.C. commentator, said that the fantastic escape of Herr Hess from Germany to Britain was an absolute gift for a nation like ours.

The whole position had been summed up by Britain's cleverest newspaper cartoonist when he drew two citizens sitting before a radio with these words coming over the air:—

"Here is the news and this is Edgar Wallace reading it."

ADELA TAKEN

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—In Abyssinia, the Imperial forces have captured Adela, 40 miles northwest of Sciasciamanna, whose capture was announced a few days ago.

Extensive Purge In Germany Reported

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—Reports of extensive purge in Germany and many arrests of Hess' associates were mentioned by the B.B.C. in a statement broadcast to Germany on Saturday night.

The B.B.C. added: "Last night, there were widespread reports of extensive purge in Germany and many arrests of Hess' associates especially the occultists. At six o'clock, all telegraphic communication between Germany and Sweden was cut off—precisely the same thing as happened on Saturday night—the night of Hess' flight."

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IMPASSIONED CALL TO FRENCHMEN IN SYRIA

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—The full report of the impassioned call broadcast by GENERAL CATROUX, head of the Free French movement in the Middle East, to Frenchmen in Syria to take up arms to oppose the policy of double-dealing by which the Colony was being betrayed to Germany, is given by the Cairo correspondent of the independent French Agency.

Gen. Catroux said: "You are being told that the enemy does not covet the French Empire, that Syria will not be ceded. You are being duped. Syria has already been given up to Germany in order that she may make it her eastern base against the British."

"For the past four days enemy planes, sometimes disguised under your own colours, have been landing and taking off again. Where are these planes going? Some are taking to Iraq help for the opponents of the British armies and others are taking over the control of your soil."

NAZI INFILTRATION

"Classic German infiltration, prelude to total occupation, is being extended to Syria. Meanwhile, 800 tons of arms and munitions taken from your depots at Baalbek are being transported by rail to Baghdad to provide for the Axis war in Mesopotamia."

"There is a name for this. It is called assistance to the enemy. It is called treason. Deliberate assistance and treason would besmirch you and dishonour you if you placed no obstacle in their way."

"Soldiers, I know you. You will not associate yourselves with this policy of shameful double-dealing. Drive up your arms to withstand it. Drive out the enemy."

1,800 PLANES

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—It is reported that United States plane production reached 1,600 this month, which is twice the figure at the beginning of the year.

By July, 1,800 planes are expected to be turned out each month.

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GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY SCHEME WILL BREAK STRANGLEHOLD WHICH IMPORTERS HAD ON RICE MARKET

Interesting Disclosures Of Business Since 1939

BY OUR STAFF REPORTER

"THE MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION ARE DEFINITELY OF THE OPINION THAT THE GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY SCHEME IS A RIGHT STEP TOWARDS PROPER CONTROL OF THE RICE MARKET," said MR. YEUNG WING-YAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE RICE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG, in an interview with the Hongkong Daily Press. "It will, at least, break the stranglehold which the importers had on the market and which was directly responsible for the phenomenal rise in the local prices."

The speaker then proceeded to give some very interesting details of the rice business in Hongkong, from the arrival of the shipments to the time the cereal reaches the consumer.

"As stated in the article published in your newspaper in December last," said Mr. Yeung, "the rice, on arrival, was taken delivery of by the importers who are, in the majority of cases, agents of the sellers. The cargo was then put up for sale by auction."

"In March, 1939, the local Government made an order making it compulsory for rice merchants (by which the Government only meant the importers) to have in reserve stock 200,000 bags of rice."

"When this order expired in September, application was made

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DESTROYER OVERTAKES PIRATES

Indicative of the traditional spirit of the British Navy is the part a naval vessel played in the arrest of six men following an alleged junk robbery off Nine Pins Islands yesterday.

According to Liu Chiu-i, master of an unregistered junk, he was sailing off the Nine Pins Islands, British territorial waters, about 8 a.m. yesterday, when he was waylaid by a robber junk with six men on board, three armed with rifles and the others with revolvers.

He was ordered to heave to, which he did. Whereupon one of the pirates boarded his junk and began assaulting those on board with the butt of his revolver.

A search of the junk was made and the pirate left the boat with \$465 in Chinese currency and two fishing nets to the value of \$180.

After the pirate junk had sailed away, a naval vessel happened to pass by. The matter was reported to it and the destroyer immediately diverted from its original course to that of the pirates and finally overtook them.

Italian planes have arrived at Iraq aerodromes, according to an Istanbul dispatch to Italian news agency.

In the World of Sports

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN "A" RECEIVE FIRST SETBACK AT HANDS OF INDIANS

PRISON O.C. REGISTER THEIR THIRD STRAIGHT VICTORY

SCORING FOUR POINTS AGAINST POLICE RECREATION CLUB, RECREO "A" REMAINED IN THE LEAD in First Division as the Lawn Bowls League reached its third week on Saturday. Recreo "A" have 13 points, Recreo "B" 12 and Craigengower 11.

Outstanding result in First Division was the defeat of Kowloon Bowling Green "A" by Indian Recreation Club at Sookpoo. It was K.B.G.C.'s first setback in three games, A. Holland being the only skip to win.

In Second Division, Prison Officers continued in winning vein, beating Club de Recreo to record their third straight win. Kowloon Cricket Club registered their first win against Hongkong Football Club and Taiyoo lost at home, this time to Craigengower.

In Third Division, Kowloon Football Club upset all expectations by a win over K.B.G.C., while the Police R. C. team, demoted from Second Division, decisively beat Hongkong Electric by 80 shots to 33.

FIRST DIVISION

CHAMPIONS WIN

At King's Park, Club de Recreo "A" beat Police Recreation Club by 2 rinks to 1 and on aggregate (4 pts. to 1).

Recreo "A"—F. X. Soares, L. J. Silva, F. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Luz (Skip) 20; Total 62.

HOME TEAM BEATEN

At Hungton, Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" beat Kowloon Dock Recreation Club by 2 rinks to 1 and on aggregate (4 pts. to 1).

C.C.C.—W. E. Broadbridge, A. E. S. Alves, C. W. Lam, G. S. Ladd (Skip) 10; F. Lee, E. S. Franks, D. Rosario, L. Gaddi (Skip) 28; L. M. Roza, M. A. Baptista, F. K. Modl, A. J. Coelho (Skip) 9. Total 47.

I.R.C.—B. el Arculli, A. S. Sufflad, A. H. Madar, A. M. Wahab (Skip) 26; M. Hassan, J. M. A. Rumjahn, T. Coleman (Skip) 14; W. Houston, W. Mackie, F. Cullen, J. Kempson (Skip) 9. Total 45.

K.B.G.C. "B"—A. Morton, P. A. Peckham, H. Lockhart, G. W. Deacon, H. E. Drew, E. Guy (Skip) 28; W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, E. Levett, R. Duncan (Skip) 23. Total 58.

I.R.C. 4-1

At Happy Valley, Indian Recreation Club beat Craigengower Cricket Club by 2 rinks to 1 and on aggregate (4 pts. to 1).

K.B.G.C.—C. Wallis, C. E. Langley, J. S. Dinnen, G. Thompson (Skip) 13; H. Blackwell, S. C. Walker, L. Jordan, K. C. Hamilton (Skip) 21; J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, I.R.C.—D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, U. A. Rumjahn, A. R. Dallah (Skip) 18; J. Hoosen, A. H. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu (Skip) 24; A. K. Sufflad, K. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn, M. R. Abbas (Skip) 19. Total 61.

K.B.G.C. "A"—W. L. Walker, W. McNeil, S. Randle, A. M. Holland (Skip) 20; L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde-Lay, G. H. Sheriff (Skip) 13; R. P. Phillips, H. White, J. G. Meyer, A. J. Hall (Skip) 17. Total 50.

SECOND DIVISION

PRISON OFFICERS WIN

At King's Park, Prison Officers' Club beat Club de Recreo by 2 rinks to 1 and on aggregate (4 pts. to 1).

Recreo "A"—A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, F. A. Xavier, J. R. Soares (Skip) 22; C. C. Pereira, F. J. Marques, A. F. Noronha, J. A. Remedios (Skip) 31; E. L. Barros, N. Beltrao, C. M. S. Alves, O. P. Remedios (Skip) 11. Total 64.

P.O.C.—J. W. Harrop, J. W. Fitzgerald, G. B. Foster, W. J. Bagley (Skip) 32; W. E. Webster, E. A. Grant, S. Hodge, A. Jillott (Skip) 11; R. Grindley, A. Perry, J. McCutcheon, C. Gowland (Skip) 30. Total 73.

K. TONG-5 PTS.

At Chater Road, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Hongkong Cricket Club on all rinks for a 5 pts. to nil win.

H.K.C.C.—G. G. Altenhead, L. A. R. Duncan, T. R. Rowell, F. Goodwin (Skip) 16; R. R. Davies, E. Hospes, R. A. Edwards, A. W. Brown (Skip) 12; J. G. Haigh, S. L. Lloyd, L. J. Davies, G. E. Costello (Skip) 15. Total 43.

K. Tong—N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong, J. L. Stephens (Skip) 29; H. A. Castro, J. Tang, A. Madar, A. J. Kew (Skip) 27; H. Gittins, W. W. Gittins, A. E. H. Castro, W. J. Howard (Skip) 33. Total 89.

FOOTBALL CLUB DOWN

At Cox's Road, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Hongkong Football Club by 2 rinks to 1 and on aggregate (4 pts. to 1).

K.C.C.—H. Langley, A. H. Martin, E. G. Curtis, R. S. Meadows (Skip) 25; A. C. Tribble, G. W. Bowden, J. M. Jack, A. Steven (Skip) 19; R. S. Capell, F. A. Fabel, H. Overly, T. W. Carr (Skip) 13. Total 57.

H.K.F.C.—R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank, H. V. Pearce (Skip) 12; A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. G. Wallington, W. MacFarlane (Skip) 13; J. Howell, G. E. Stephens, G. S. Graver, W. Gill (Skip) 20. Total 50.

CRAIGENGOWER WIN

At Taikoo, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Taikoo Club by 2 rinks to 1 and on aggregate (4 pts. to 1).

Taikoo—A. MacArthur, D. Coull, R. Main, W. Melrose (Skip) 18; J.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

TENNIS.—First Division: C. R. C. v. Hongkong U.T.C. C.D.R. v. South China A.A.; Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

TOMORROW

TENNIS.—Second Division: C.R.C. v. A.T.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. C.S.C. C. South China A.A. v. K.T. G. C. A.

WATER POLO—Middlesex "A" v. Y.M.C.A. (Army), 8.45 p.m.; Navy C. v. Signals (Y.M.C.A.), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

TENNIS.—Third Division: C.D.R. v. A.T.C.; C.R.C. (1) v. K.T. G. C. A.; Hongkong U.T.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; C.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2); South China A.A. v. K.I.T.C.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

TENNIS.—Fourth Division: R. T. C. v. P.R.C. (1); C.B.A. v. J. R. C. I. R. C. v. Filipino Club; K.I.T.C. v. South China A.A.; C.R.C. v. C.C.C.

WATER POLO—Navy "A" v. 98th Bty. (Navy), 5.30 p.m.; 8th Coastal Regt. v. Small Units (Army), 6.45 p.m.; Scotts v. Middlesex B (Y.M.C.A.), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

LAWN BOWLS.—First Division: Recrelo "B" v. Recrelo "A"; Police R.C.C. v. Craigengower; Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C.; Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Civil Service; Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Indian R.C. Second Division: Hongkong F.C. v. Recrelo; Prison O.C. v. Hongkong C.C.; Taiyoo R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Craigengower v. Kowloon F.C. Third Division: Recrelo v. Craigengower; Indian R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.; Hongkong Electric v. Hongkong F.C.; Hongkong C.C. v. Police R.C.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

WATER POLO—5th A.A. v. Navy "B" (Navy), 11 a.m.; 8th Coastal Regt. v. Middlesex "B" (Y.M.C.A.), 11 a.m.

creation Club by 2 rinks to 1 and on aggregate (4 pts. to 1).

Police—J. Hayward, J. S. Ridgell, W. McWalter, J. C. Aitken (Skip) 36; J. Soutar, C. Wilcox, F. Nolan, J. MacDonald (Skip) 34; G. Davies, E. Greenwood, A. T. Johnson, F. C. Channing (Skip) 10. Total 50.

Electric—W. E. Baker, J. R. Way, C. E. Cahagan, J. K. Sloan (Skip) 6; R. A. Owens, W. Stonehouse, A. G. Gardner, A. F. Paul (Skip) 6; W. Macfarlane, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron, L. de Rome (Skip) 21. Total 33.

ELECTRIC SWAMPED

At the Valley, Police Recreation Club beat Hongkong Electric Re-

KOWLOON TONG BADMINTON

The finals of the Badminton inter-tournament of the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association will be held on Thursday, May 22, following which will be the distribution of prizes and dancing.

The programme is as follows:

MEN'S SINGLES

Joseph Tsang v. David Kwok.

LADIES' SINGLES, H'CAP

Mrs. Norah Castro v. Miss Mabel U.

MEN'S DOUBLES

D. Kwok and K. M. Lee v. F. Kwok and Y. H. Tang.

MEN'S SINGLES, H'CAP

K. M. Lee v. David Kwok.

The Mixed Doubles Final has been played and won by Mrs. Norah Castro and Frank Kwok.

The matches will start at 9 o'clock, and all members of the various Badminton Clubs are cordially invited.

TRUE BLUE WINS SUMMER SERIES

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's 1st Summer Series sailed on Saturday resulted as follows:

Yacht Finished Corrected Pts.

True Blue 16.26.051 16.26.051 13

(Mr. L. Garner)

Artemis 16.27.56 16.27.56 11

(Mr. G. G. Wood)

Wendy 16.37.25 16.28.19 9

(Mr. G. Navey)

La Linda 16.28.53 16.28.53 7

(Mr. P. O. A. Chidell)

Red Shank 16.29.04 16.29.04 6

(Miss B. M. Richards)

Joss 16.30.03 16.30.03 5

(Major G. E. Neve)

Gull 16.31.13 16.31.13 4

(Capt. A. O. G. Mills)

Ailsa 16.45.14 16.44.32 3

(Mr. E. Hitchcott)

Koala D.N.F. 1

54.

Following are the complete results:

Championship—Sgt. F. E. Russell, 88; Mr. W. P. Thompson, 83; Sgt. Clarke, 82; Sgt. W. Sargent, 82; Sgt. J. R. M. B. Wall, 82; Sgt. W. Gowins, 79; Sgt. F. Channings, 78; Sgt. D. Wiss, 75.

Novice—Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, 82; Sgt. Woodhead, 77; Sgt. R. D. Paton, 75; Sgt. H. N. Moran, 74; Traffic Sgt. W. Sullivan, 65; Mr. G. A. R. Wright-Nooth, 65; Mr. A. G. Mills, 64; A.S.P. 59; Sgt. H. Terrett, 58; Sgt. C. Blackburn, 56; and Sgt. White.

THE RESULTS

Following are the complete results:

High Jump: Won by Chinese

A. A. F. Total height: 10 feet 7 inches.

Long Jump: Best leap of 20 ft. 4 ins.

High Jump: Won by Chinese

A. A. F. Total height: 10 feet 7 inches.

Best Individual jump: Cheng

Choi-shun (C. A. A. F.) 5 feet 4 inches.

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COMING EVENTS

May
19—Tides: High 5.33 a.m. and 3.54 p.m. Low: 9.33 a.m. and 10.58 p.m. Sunrise: 5.43 a.m.; Sunset: 6.57 p.m. H.K. Amateur Cinema Club Film Show, European Y.M.C.A., West Lounge 7 p.m.
Crown Land Sale, P.W.D. 3 p.m. St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Club Committee Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
V.D.M.A. Annual Meeting, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
H. K. Amateur Cinema Club, Y.M.C.A., West Lounge 7 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Bridge Drive, 8.30 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. War Work, 8 a.m. to noon.

20—Tides: High 6.20 a.m. and 5.21 p.m. Low: 11.25 a.m. and 11.39 p.m. Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.58 p.m. La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, "Religion, and Life," 8 p.m.

H.K. Police Reserve Tea Party to Commissioner of Police, H.K. Hotel, 5.15 p.m.
H.K. Nurses and Midwives Assn. Meeting, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, District Office, Taipo, 11.30 a.m.
Tung Wah Hospitals Committee Meeting.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
S. and S. Home, Circuit Quarterly Meeting, 8 p.m.

21—Tides: High 6.57 a.m. and 6.35 p.m. Low: 12.36 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m. H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., noon.

St. Andrew's Fellowship, talk by Brig. Darby, 8.30 p.m.

22—Tides: High 7.27 a.m. and 7.37 p.m. Low: 12.23 a.m. and 1.24 p.m. Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.

Entries Close for Sixth Extra Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, noon.

St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Social Club, 8.45 p.m.

23—Tides: High 7.52 a.m. and 8.33 p.m. Low: 12.57 a.m. and 2.09 p.m.

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R.A.F. ATTACKS ON SYRIAN AIRFIELDS DESCRIBED AS ACTS OF HOSTILITY

Both Sides Now Preparing For Clash: Stern Warning Issued By Pres. Roosevelt

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—It is no secret that developments disagreeable to Britain have long been foreseen in the Middle East and French weakness militarily may be accepted as reason why no action had been taken sooner. But both sides are now preparing for a clash which now seems destined to take place in the French mandated territory of Syria.

When General Weygand was commander of the French Army of the Orient before the collapse of France he never had more than 60,000 men under arms, the majority of whom were native levies, the remainder being either French colonial regiments or units of the metropolitan army.

A substantial proportion of these troops have been disbanded or sent back to their homes, so that the forces of General Dentz, whom the Vichy Government placed in charge of this area, are not believed to exceed half this number.

Even before the fall of France, the French colonial armies both in Africa and Syria were short of equipment and munitions.

Since then the Italo-German armistice commission has been at work and a large amount of munitions and equipment is understood to have been destroyed.

"GRAVE POSITION"

Even so, should General Dentz decide to add his forces to those of Germany, it would add to the British difficulties in that area.

Although General Dentz described the R.A.F. raids on Syrian airfields as "flagrant acts of hostility towards France," Vichy, more conscious of the gravity of the French position, or perhaps on a hint from the Germans, has declared the R.A.F. attacks "not to be considered as acts of aggression."

If Vichy pays heed to President Roosevelt's stern warning, even Admiral Darlan may see the wisdom of restraining his lieutenant in Syria.

VICHY EXPLANATION

The Vichy "explanation" of the presence of German planes in Syria is considered in London as entirely unsatisfactory.

Meanwhile more Germans are infiltrating into Syria, says a Beirut message to Jerusalem, and another 16 planes have landed at should have enough men and Damascus in addition to those at equipment at his disposal to tackle Aleppo.

FRANCE ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN POSITION AS A GREAT POWER

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—The British bombing of Syrian bases will not be considered an act of aggression, indicated the Vichy Government in a statement issued early yesterday.

The statement—made in reply to President Roosevelt—said "France is anxious to safeguard her position as a great power and to maintain the integrity of her territory and empire, and is entitled to discuss with her conqueror conditions for the mutual reorganisation of continental Europe."

"Mr. Eden's threats in Syria and the bombing of Syrian aerodromes have just added to the list of what France still refuses to consider acts of aggression."

VICHY SURPRISED

Considerable surprise in Vichy Government circles has been caused by President Roosevelt's reaction to Marshal Petain's broadcast by his interpretation of the Marshal's statement as an agreement to hand over French colonies to Germany and the mounting of guards on French ships in U.S. ports, says the Vichy news agency.

The rumoured occupation of French Guiana is also causing considerable comment.

Germans will probably replace Italians on the Syria armistice commission.

This is the next German move in the manoeuvring over Syria forecast by the Jerusalem correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

News from Vichy concerning the Franco-German agreement is causing increasing anxiety in French circles, says the correspondent.

Anxiety has become greater owing to the arrival of Germans with diplomatic passports who appear to be in a position to play a more official role than their purely "civillish" predecessors.

Reports, which so far are not confirmed, indicate that Italian members of the armistice commission will shortly leave Syria, their place being taken by German officials.

A message from Istanbul to the official Italian news agency claims that Italian planes have landed at Iraqi aerodromes. So far there is no confirmation in London of this report.

The Netherlands Ministers returned to Sydney yesterday.

Netherlands Diplomats In Australia

Good Neighbourship Is Reiterated

BATAVIA, May 18 (Reuter)—Dr. van Kleefens and Dr. Charles Weltevreden, Netherlands Foreign Minister, and Colonial Minister, respectively, who are visiting Australia, attended a State dinner at the Australia Hotel in Sydney at which the Australian Cabinet was present, according to a report from Australia received here yesterday.

The Australian Acting Premier, Mr. A. W. Fadden, and Dr. van Kleefens, in speeches emphasised the good neighbourliness between Australia and the Netherlands.

At Canberra, they were shown around by the Australian Foreign Minister, Sir Frederick Stewart, and the Labour Minister, Mr. Curtin, and visited Government House.

TOUR OF FACTORIES

They lunched with Lord and Lady Gowrie and later had an informal talk with the Australian Governor-General.

They left in the evening for Melbourne, where they lunched the next day at Government House, visited aircraft and munitions factories and attended a reception in the evening.

The Netherlands Ministers re-

GENERAL

NORWEGIANS CELEBRATE GREAT NATIONAL FESTIVAL: KING HAAKON'S MESSAGE TO PEOPLE

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—All true Norwegians throughout the world yesterday celebrated the 127th anniversary of the country's existence as an independent kingdom.

It was Norway's greatest national festival, for on this day in 1814 the Storting (Parliament) assembled at Eidsvold, 40 miles north of Oslo, to declare Norway an independent kingdom and drew up the most advanced democratic constitution then known in Europe.

"Norwegians all over the world 99 per cent. of Norwegian people will rededicate themselves and all their resources—the Norwegian fleet, Norwegian army, navy and air forces—to the great struggle for national liberty and the victory of the Democratic principles they hold so dear," says an official Norwegian Government statement.

"In Norway too," continues the statement, "in spite of the ban imposed by Hitler's commissar Terboven, and his puppet Quisling,

LARGE NUMBER OF FIRES OBSERVED

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—The main weight of Friday night's German air attacks on Britain was centred on Birmingham, says the official German news agency.

Over 100 planes dropped bombs for three hours and a large number of fires were observed, adds the agency.

In London, it was announced that the main area raided on Friday night was the Midlands.

Heavy damage was done by incendiaries and high explosives and there were a number of casualties.

CIVILIAN RAID CASUALTIES

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—Civilian air raid casualties in the United Kingdom during April totalled 6,067 killed and 6,926 injured or in hospital, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Home Security yesterday.

The newspaper urges "the Japanese nation to watch Near East developments" with the greatest care because of the overwhelming predominance of Japanese trade in the Near East before the European war and also, because the Arabs "depend on Japan as the leader of Asia."

TURKISH REACTION

ANKARA, May 18 (Reuter)—Turkish reaction to the latest developments in Syria is reflected in comment by the newspaper Cumhuriyet yesterday.

The paper writes: "We will defend our country with or without foreign help in the event of our national life being threatened."

It is earnestly hoped in Ankara that Britain will succeed in rapidly clearing up the position in Iraq and Syria, for the establishment of Germany in Syria would mean Turkey being completely cut off from the rest of the world and would, it is expected, be followed by the usual German demands."

ESCAPEES CAPTURED

Four of five German airmen prisoners who escaped from an internment camp in north-west England have been recaptured.

Search is continuing for the remaining prisoner still at large.

WEEK'S LOSSES

The Germans lost 65 planes over and round the coasts of Britain during the week ending dawn on May 17.

The plane which brought Hess brings total enemy losses for the week to 68.

One British fighter was lost but the pilot was saved.

PRINCE KONOYE ENTERTAINS

Axis, Soviet Envoys

GUESTS OF HONOUR

TOKYO, May 18 (Reuter)—The Japanese Prime Minister, Prince Konoye, acted as host to the Axis and Soviet diplomatic envoys yesterday at an elaborate luncheon at the Premier's official residence.

In a speech, Prince Konoye warmly thanked the ambassadors for the reception of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsukata, during his European tour.

The Premier declared Mr. Matsukata's trip was made successful through the warm-hearted cooperation of their three nations, and also their friendship towards Japan.

He added he wished to thank them on behalf of the Japanese nation.

The principal guests were the German Ambassador, Major-General Eugen Ott, the Italian Ambassador, Mario Indelli, and the Soviet Ambassador, Constantin Smetanin.

CHINESE ENVOY TO AUSTRALIA

CHUNGKING, May 18 (Reuter)—It is reliably learned that a Chinese Minister to Australia has not yet been appointed.

Mr. Liu Shih-shun, previously reported to be going to Canberra, is now definitely not going.

It is understood a decision is expected to be made soon when Mr. Tseng Tung-fu arrives in Chungking from Rangoon.

Mr. Tseng, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, who is stationed at Rangoon, is now on the way to Chungking from Burma.

Though it is reported that Mr. Tseng may go to Canberra while Mr. O. K. Yu will succeed him, it is learned that no decision will be reached until Mr. Tseng arrives in Chungking.

NEW SOVIET RESTRICTIONS

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—The Soviet Commissariat for Foreign Affairs has informed the foreign diplomatic representatives in Moscow that members of diplomatic missions, consul-generals and members of their families will in future not be able to leave their permanent place of residence without special visa, reports the Swiss radio.

Certain districts of Soviet Russia are prohibited to them, including the zones of Archangel, Murmansk, Leningrad and the southwest Soviet Republics of Karelia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldavia, and also certain places in Ukraine, Crimea, and near the Baku oil-fields.

FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICAS

WASHINGTON, May 18 (Reuter)—The 21 American Republics are prepared to establish a provisional administration over French colonies in the Americas if the collaboration between Germany and France should be projected in the western hemisphere. It was authoritatively learned yesterday.

No decisive action will be taken pending clarification of this co-operation but it is stated that complete plans have been prepared for whatever actions are necessary to protect the security of the American continents.

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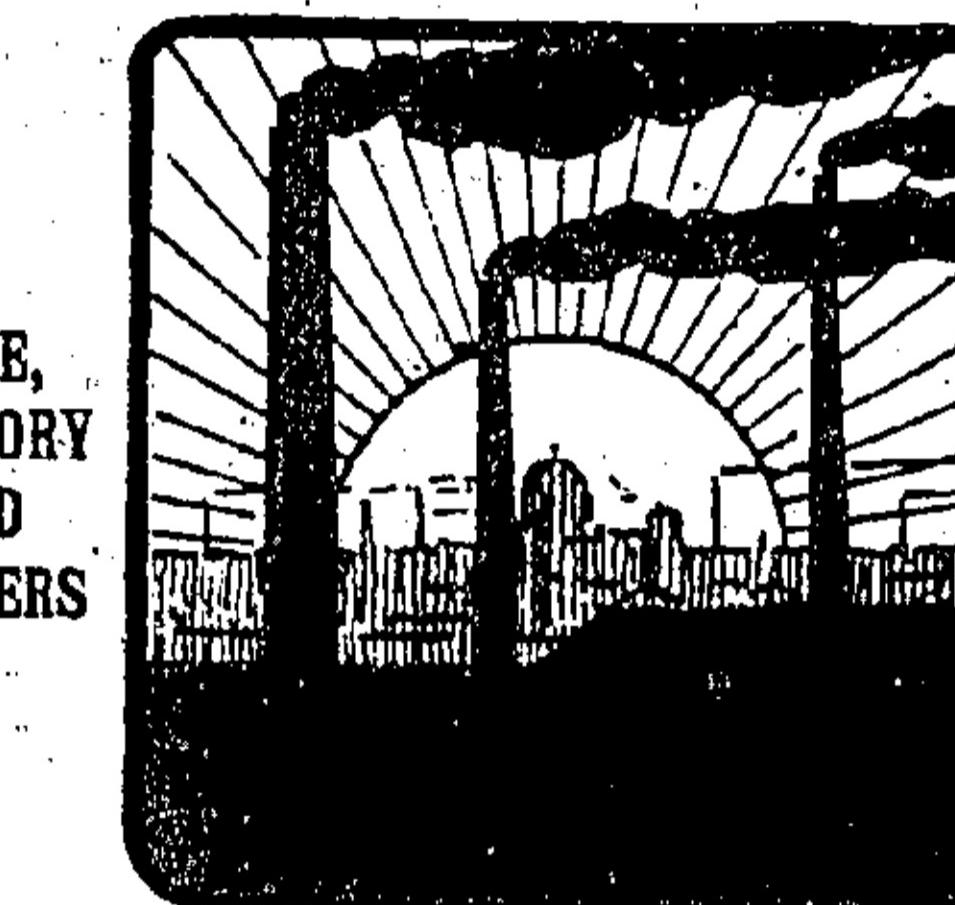
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Colony's New "Playground"

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE RITZ

Hongkong's most modern and up-to-date "playground," The Ritz, was officially opened on Saturday night when a large attendance packed the ballroom and the dance floor to full capacity, for an auspicious first night.

The place has been completely decorated with many alterations. The open dance floor has been moved north near the sea front with illuminated tables dotted along both sides. At the west end of the dance floor is a multi-coloured water fountain which completed a most beautiful scene.

Other additions included a miniature golf course, situated on the former site of the open dance floor, a sunbathing park located on the seafront near the swimming pool and a specially enclosed garden playground for children with a qualified nurse in attendance. Other amusements for patrons are a shooting gallery and a skating rink while pop-corn and hot-dog machines have been installed.

In addition, to foreign meals Chinese food is now available, a Chinese restaurant being accommodated in the former locker room.

OUR LADY OF PEACE

ROUND-THE-WORLD BRIGANTINE BEING BUILT IN COLONY

Being built at the Wing On Shihng Shipyard, Shumshuiho, is a 55-ton brigantine which is to be sailed around the world. The vessel has already been named Nstra. Sra de la Paz (Our Lady of Peace) and is 58 feet in length, 15 feet wide with a draught of seven feet.

Commander of the small expedition of adventurers who are planning the cruise is Lieutenant-Colonel Juan L. Calvo, of the Philippine Air Corps Reserve, and others to board the barge for the around-the-world trip will be Lieut.-Colonel Antonio Arnalz, Mr. Rafael d'Almeida, Mr. Adolf Fernandez, a newsreel photographer, and a crew of two Chinese and two Filipinos.

DIESEL ENGINED

The brigantine is equipped with a 55 H.P. Gray Marine-Diesel engine, and has storage capacity for 400 gallons of fuel, and 300 gallons of fresh water, making it possible for the vessel to travel at least 1,000 miles without the necessity of having to stop for fuel or water.

Lieut.-Colonel Calvo and Lieut.-Colonel Arnalz, owners of the brigantine, are aviators, and flew from Manila to Madrid in 1936.

COMPULSORY SERVICE

Mr. Joseph Harrop has been reassigned from the Combatant Group to the Key Posts Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Mr. L. J. Davies has been enrolled in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Messrs. F. P. Ainslow, W. G. Calder and C. L. Clarke have been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Mr. E. G. Price has been reassigned from the Combatant Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

President Garfield On Maiden Voyage

The s.s. President Garfield (Commander J. E. Murphy) arrived in Hongkong on her maiden voyage on Saturday, carrying a large number of passengers.

The President Garfield is the fourth of the seven new luxury liners recently built by American President Lines to touch Hongkong.

Passenger and crew reported an uneventful voyage, the weather all the way out from San Francisco being the best that could be afforded for a restful pleasure cruise.

STABBING INCIDENT

Alleged to have been stabbed on the head with a sharp instrument by an unknown assailant, who fled, a 35-year-old fishmonger was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition. The incident was said to have occurred in the Kennedy Town Market on Saturday afternoon.

HIGH COST OF LIVING IN THE COLONY

Coal Coolies Demand Higher Wages

An indication of the abnormally high cost of living which affects particularly the lower classes in the Colony is the demand by coal coolies who, through their Guild, are demanding an increase in their wages.

According to the Labour Officer, Mr. B.C.K. Hawkins, negotiations are proceeding with the assistance of Mr. M. F. Key, Secretary of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

The problem, however, is made the more difficult to solve by the complicated system under which coal coolies were employed. For instance, the ordinary coolie is under the head coolie. Then come the No. 2 Contractor, the No. 1 Contractor, the Stevedore and finally the importer.

MOULDERS TOO

Under a new agreement signed on Tuesday last between Chinese moulders and their employees the former have granted to the latter an increase in wages.

Mr. Clarence Gauss In Colony

On his way to Chungking to assume there his new post as United States Ambassador to China, the Hon. Mr. Clarence E. Gauss arrived in the Colony on Saturday accompanied by Mr. Richard Butrick, Counsellor to the U.S. Embassy.

Mr. Gauss, cheerful and wearing a dark summer suit, was greeted by a small party of officials including the Hon. Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, whom Mr. Gauss succeeds in his post.

Others present to greet Mr. Gauss were Mr. John Herman Bruins, U.S. Consul in Charge in Hongkong, Mr. Robert S. Ward, U.S. Consul, Mr. B. C. Lawrence, Vice-President of the American Club here, Mr. O. K. Yiu, Mr. P. N. Chung and Mr. Tai Teh-fu.

Mr. Gauss declined to say anything to the Press beyond the fact that he would proceed to Chungking after a stop-over of a few days in Hongkong.

H.K.-BOUND

JUNK ATTACKED BY PIRATES

Suffering from bullet wounds, allegedly inflicted by pirates, three Chinese junk people were immediately admitted to Queen Mary Hospital and later transferred to the Tung Wah Hospital on Saturday when they arrived in the Colony.

According to one of the wounded, Li Mo-sze, master of junk No. T1136H, he left Swatow for Hongkong on April 15. When near the San Mu Customs Station his boat was fired on by pirates during which two of his foiks and himself were hit.

Eventually, the robber junk heaved over and boarded the boat, three pigs and a quantity of clothing being taken away.

NEW FOOD LAWS

New measures in regard to health and sanitation in restaurants and other eating places are proposed by the Urban Council which meets tomorrow when the Chairman will move the adoption of six new amendments of by-laws under the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance of 1935.

The amendments require that,

except with the permission in writing of the Council, no unsalted flesh meat shall be brought in the premises of any food factory, food preserving establishment, restaurant, eating-house and food-stall, or used or consumed therein other than that which has been slaughtered in the Government Slaughter House or which has been imported from Canada, Australia, or New Zealand; or from such other localities as the Council may from time to time approve.

The Chairman will also move that every licensee of the above mentioned establishments shall provide a sufficient quantity of boiling water and shall cause every chop-stick and utensil to be washed in boiling water after their use by one customer and before their use by another.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

WOMAN BURGLAR

"This is the first time that I came across a woman doing such a thing," remarked Det.-Sgt. V.M. Morrison in the prosecution of a 38-year-old widow, Lo Lin, or no fixed abode, before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, on Saturday, on a charge of stealing one brass pot, one brass and one metal kettle to the value of \$4 from the kitchen of No. 189, Johnston Road, third floor.

Asked what she had to say, defendant stated that she had been out of employment and there was nobody to feed her.

After hearing the case, the Magistrate ordered her to be remanded for seven days in jail custody. Wan Fong-kau, caretaker of the Motorcar Association, was the complainant.

HEARING ADJOURNED

Tsui Cheung, 25, carpenter, Wong Man, 24, and Wong Tam-yiu, 25, both unemployed, were charged before Mr. Sheldon, K.C., on Saturday with larceny of two opium pipes, valued at \$40, from Kwok Tsui at No. 7A, Tai Wong Street East, ground floor, on May 18.

Second defendant was additionally charged with having assaulted Kwok with a chopper causing him grievous bodily harm.

On the application of Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison, all were remanded for 72 hours for making further enquiries.

POSSESSION OF WARD

Ho Kam, 40, woman, was fined \$10 by Mr. Sheldon on Saturday for failing to report the possession of a registered ward, Ho Mu, 13, girl, on Jan. 22 last.

Det.-Sgt. H.W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that on Friday the girl's aunt received a telephone call from the girl saying that she had been beaten up by defendant. The aunt went to No. 2 Police Station and reported the matter after defendant had refused her offer of \$18 Canton currency for the girl.

SNATCHER CONVICTED

Mr. C. H. Fenn, visiting American journalist, residing at the Metropole Hotel, was complainant before Mr. G. T. Lowry on Saturday in a case in which So Fu, 26, unemployed, was charged with stealing his fountain pen at Queen's Road Central, near the China Emporium, on May 16.

Defendant denied the allegation. In sentencing defendant to three months' hard labour, Mr. Lowry said that the charge against him was established beyond all possibility of doubt.

Det.-Sgt. J. McDonald prosecuted.

D. O. SOUTH

FISHERMAN FINED

Pau Leung-to, unemployed, and Li Kai, fisherman, were fined \$10, or two weeks' hard labour, each when they pleaded guilty to the charge of possession of 550 catties of wild tree wood, valued at \$11, on board an unlicensed boat in Cheung Chau Harbour on May 16.

Mr. S. F. Balfour, before whom the case was heard on Saturday, ordered the confiscation of the wood.

TRESPASS AT MINES

Tang Lam, 2nd 14 others, were charged before Mr. Balfour on Saturday with (a) carrying out illegal mining operations at No. 4 Hill, Shing Mun Mines, on May 17, and (b) with trespassing on the above-named property.

The Sergeant said that about 3:30 a.m. on Saturday he heard a sound at the staircase and came out to find defendants there. Pointing a revolver at them he asked them why they were there. The incident above then occurred.

KEY FOUND

The Sergeant took them to the Police Station in his car. On the way he looked from the reflecting mirror and saw first accused hand something to second defendant. Later a key was found on the seat of the car.

Defendants admitted that they went there with intent to steal.

The Sergeant added that a few burglaries had taken place at the Police quarters.

Accused were remanded for 16 hours for finger-prints to be taken.

The China Motor Bus Company has granted their out-door employees in addition to a high cost of living allowance of \$3 an all-round increase of \$1 in wages.

AT KOWLOON

HAD TOY PISTOL

Alleged to have armed with a toy pistol and robbed Chan Lam of a leather attache case, containing Chinese medicine at Pratt Avenue on May 16, Ip Hung, 26, was charged before Mr. Anderson on Saturday.

Det.-Sub-Insp. A. F. Estall asked for a remand of three days which was granted.

EXPORT OF GASOLINE

Fines totalling \$1,800 were imposed by Mr. Anderson on Saturday on four junk masters for attempting to export gasoline from the Colony without a permit.

Accused were Ho Kwal, 38, master of trading junk No. T5661H, Wong Le-ming, 45, master of trading junk No. T1742H, Kwok Yiu-kun, master of junk No. T2991H, and Lee Yee, 34, master of junk No. T4584H.

Det.-Insp. R. Cunningham said that all defendants were stopped at So Ko Wan on Friday with large quantity of gasoline on board. 2,800 tins, 2,810 tins, 3,000 tins, and 1,900 tins were found on defendants' junks respectively. They all admitted that they were attempting to transport it to Swatow.

First three accused were fined each \$500 while last defendant was fined \$300.

ROBBERY ALLEGED

Commitial proceedings against Tam Kwong, 26, charged with assaulting Li Fong-po, with intent to rob, and armed robbery by two or more, was commenced before Mr. Macnamara on Saturday.

Giving evidence, Lam Ying, woman, residing at No. 314, Battery Street, said that about 2 p.m. on May 16 several persons knocked at the door and as soon as they entered one of the alleged robbers threatened the occupants with a dagger.

After binding up witness, her daughter and two other occupants, the alleged intruders ransacked the house and decamped with \$200 Chinese currency, \$10 Hongkong currency and a pair of rattan bangles mounted with gold.

Witness succeeded in freeing herself, released the others and made a report to the Police.

After evidence, accused was remanded for three days in Police custody for further enquiries.

Chief Det.-Insp. A. E. Carey was in charge of the case.

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RICE DEALERS' GUILD

The Committee

Petition To Be Made To Government

It was reliably learned that a petition is now being prepared by the Rice Dealers' Guild to be handed to Government asking for the use of their offices for the distribution of Government rice to retailers.

The Guild is formed of rice merchants who act as middlemen between the retailer and the importer.

On the other hand, despite the fact that the dealers suspended sales of rice, retailers have dropped their rates to the level of rice sold in Government depots. Both first and second grade rice are now quoted at Government rates while the third grade is being sold at eight catties per dollar.

NO QUOTATIONS FOR RICE

It was learned from usually well-informed circles that no quotations for rice have been issued by the Hongkong Rice Importers General Association for the past three days, with the result that both the Wholesalers and Retailers have been unable to replenish their stocks.

This decision, it was further learned, was made as the result of Government's inquiry, addressed to the Importers' Association, as to the valuation they placed on the various grades of rice they have in stock, preparatory to Government taking over the Import and Export business.

\$100 PER PICUL

CHUNGKING, May 17 (Central)—An amelioration in the rice situation in Shanghai is reported in a dispatch received here today.

Since yesterday, rice imported from Hongkong has begun to be sold in retail rice shops in the French Concession at the officially fixed price of \$100 per picul.

The price of the rice cornered by hoarders has also dropped somewhat. It is now quoted at \$115 per picul as compared with the rate of \$148 per picul at the end of April.

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Similarly all firms, hongs, companies and individuals who import food-stuffs (including liquids) directly to Hong Kong from the United Kingdom who did not register at this office in accordance with Government Notification 282 of 7th March, 1941, should do so on or before 21st May, 1941.

Importers are warned that no licence to import foodstuffs from the United Kingdom will be granted to firms, hongs, companies or individuals who have failed to register with this office by 21st May, 1941, in accordance with this or previous notifications.

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WAR ON WASTE

VERY LITTLE has been heard recently of the plans made in Hongkong for the collection of waste material which could be converted to war purposes. The Hongkong War Effort Committee set up a plan not long ago by which daily collections of waste material, such as paper and rags were to be made, but the results of this waste saving campaign have not been made known. In other parts of the Empire, the war on waste is being carried on assiduously with Government assistance and reports received from other colonies show that large quantities of articles, which in ordinary times are consigned to the rubbish heaps, have been systematically collected and sent to countries like India, Australia and Canada, there to be turned into war material. It is a matter for regret that the public of Hongkong has not yet become alive to the need for following these examples for making a cheap and useful contribution to the British war effort and, in view of the huge waste that goes on in the Colony in the most common-place directions, it is time that the Government should lend its assistance in starting a war on waste on a big scale.

THE TROUBLE, of course, is that the general public does not recognise the extent to which things in use in daily life, after they have served their purpose, could be transformed into valuable war material instead of being thrown on the rubbish heap. It becomes necessary, therefore, to list for the public information the things that could be used in this way. The ordinary man-in-the-street, for instance, is unaware of the potential use of aluminium and tin in the manufacture of war materials. Householders should be told about this and steps taken to collect aluminium utensils which are no longer fit for service

HITLER HAS NO ONE NOW WHOM HE CAN TRUST: PRESTIGE MUCH AFFECTED

"Herr Hitler has never shown much affection for anyone. He has always been a solitary man. When he is in company, he does not take part in conversation, but is either sunk in moody silence or he will hold the floor as though he was at a public meeting," said MR. F. A. VOIGT, a well-known foreign correspondent, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the speculation which has been aroused over Herr Rudolf Hess's reasons for leaving Germany.

"He was like this as a child," went on Mr. Voigt. "He had no friends in school, he had no friends in public life and he had no friends in the army."

FAITH IN HESS

"Now those who have read his book 'Mein Kampf' will notice that it is not merely a book about his ideas, but that it is chiefly a book about Herr Hitler himself. He refers to his comrades, but never refers to any one comrade. In 1920 he met Rudolf Hess and than he had to mix with his fellowmen in the National Socialist Party. Later on he even went into society, but made no friends of anyone except Rudolf Hess. He began to use other men such as Von Ribbentrop and Himmler and played one against the other. If anyone proved unaccommodating he would shoot him as he had shot others."

"It was chiefly through Herr Hess that he would find out what these other people were after. His faith in Herr Hess was absolute and so was Herr Hess's faith in him."

"If anyone in the National Socialist Party had been asked who would have betrayed Herr Hitler, the answer would have been any of them, except Herr Hess. Herr Hess looked different from the others. His appearance was less repulsive. His eyes were deep set and abnormally close set and his brows bushy."

DOG-LIKE DEVOTION

"It is his eye-brows that gave him a dog-like appearance—he was dog-like in his devotion to

in the home. Householders should also be asked to collect tin cans and all metal containers in the same way and periodical collections made for these waste goods. Once they are collected, they could be easily pressed down and not been made known. In despatched to India, for choice, where there is machinery and plant available for dealing with such articles and converting them into the essentials necessary for the production of war materials.

TIN CANS or containers contain a large percentage of white iron and is useful for finishing purposes. Like aluminium it plays a large part in the production of certain aeroplane parts. Both these metals are soft and can be readily pressed down for packing and despatch to those centres which can melt them down. Old clean rags and waste paper should come in for daily collections in the same manner, while old razor blades should not be omitted from these collections for their value in steel.

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DR. QUO TAI-CHI

It is learned that several local leading Chinese personalities, including Hon. Sir Robert Kotwall, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. K. L. Ho, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Dr. Li Shun-fan, Dr. S. W. Ts'o, and Messrs. Ho Kom-tong, Philip Gock-chin, M. W. Lo, Lo Tung-fan and Ng Chak-wah, are proposing to give a reception in honour of Dr. Quo Tai-chi, new Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, when he passes through the Colony on his way to Chungking to take up his post.

Any Chinese who wish to participate are requested to notify Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Manager of the Bank of East Asia.

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EDITORIAL

LIGHTER SHADES THE WAR IN THE AIR:

OF EDUCATION

Interesting Lecture By Bro. Cassian

A very interesting and thought-provoking lecture was given by the REV. BROTHER CASSIAN, Pro-Director of La Sale College, to members of that College's Old Boys' Association on Friday night.

Prefacing his talk with the remark that to those "who think of education as having a lighter as well as a heavier side we wonder at the seriousness of the Chinese student; the fact is that there is in China too much grinding poverty to allow for merriment," the speaker went on to give a few examples of "howlers" such as:

Population of England 25,000,000 (in the same paper). Co-efficient of expansion: number of calories required to boil water at normal temperature and pressure.

The Capital of Rumania is Bulgaria.

There are three persons in God; the Father, the Son and the Blessed Virgin.

Area of a room: 194 inches.

Epistle is the wife of an apostle. Congress declared for prohibition at the election champagne of 1937.

Adam and Eve were happy until the servant came.

H. G. Wells' Outline of History is a milestone on the road to progress.

The doctor felt the patient's pulse.

The masculine of lass is ass.

COMMON SENSE

Sometimes, said the lecturer, it is the very common sense of the answer that amuses us: "With what do you connect Lord Baden-Powell? — With a hypen." The teacher's personality often opened out new vistas for howlers, as might be witnessed by that poor Professor

"Who now is no more
For what he took for H20
Was H2SO4."

Referring to the belief in book learning, the speaker said that he used to be shocked when told that very few Americans were able to locate Armenia on the map, but that he now realised that all Americans can run and swim, are able to drive a car, and can repair a radio set.

He then went on to ask: "After all, how many of us will ever have anything to do with Armentia or Bolivia, whereas a motor car and a radio set are such common things that really we should know all about them. That brings me to the definition of a well-educated man: given some time ago by a famous English Churchman and which somewhat appeals to me: 'One who knows something about everything and all about something. He does not exist.'

Rev. Brother Cassian referred to present-day school curricula and their faults; social discipline in schools; games and manual work; and the prefect system of schools.

SLOW PROCESS

"Whatever the motives he had for leaving his fatherland, it shows that a slow process has been going on inside Germany for some time. The Nazi Party has been resisted in the background, though due to Herr Hess it has retained its power.

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DR. QUO TAI-CHI

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, on Saturday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:

TURN OF TIDE

"The tide, therefore, must turn in our favour owing to the improved production in aircraft, but it will also be necessary not only to increase our output, but also to put other types into production."

"At this very moment we are springing up to a new production peak and output is not going to be shaken by factories turning out new types. There is a sort of technical overlapping here, and this is where we have an advantage over the Germans. I don't think that factories in occupied countries, however hard they may be made to work can compete with us."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced:

Mr. Wilhelm Johan Mathias Ochsendorff, guard of the Kowloon Wharfs and Godown Co., of No. 156 Taipo Road, top floor, and Wong Tai-koo, housekeeper, of the same address;

Mr. Thomas Moy, laundryman, of No. 16 Boundary Street, and Miss Ma Ying-yeo, of No. 9 Ewo Hill Street.

JEWELLERY AND CLOTHING

Jewellery and clothing, valued at \$359, have been reported stolen from No. 395, Reclamation Street, second floor. Tam Man-lo stated that between 3 and 5 a.m. on Friday somebody climbed up to the verandah and smashed a window.

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TOOL OF NIGHT RAIDERS

"At night, however," continued Major Stewart, "we have suffered the severest raids ever launched, but an increasing toll has been taken of these night raiders. The indications are that our defences are wearing down the enemy night raiding forces."

Major Stewart stated that on the night of May 10, the Germans lost

INCREASE IN TECHNICAL STRENGTH NECESSARY TO REACH FULL SUPREMACY

"Complacency was one of our troubles when we entered this war, but I think we have got out of that bad habit now. So, even with the excitement caused over the arrival of Herr Hess in this country, we are not blind to the fact that the air war is likely to flare up again on a bigger scale than we have yet experienced," said MAJOR OLIVER STEWART, M.C., A.F.C., when he broadcast from London on Saturday.

"This is especially so now because the war has reached one of those moments when pressure is building up on all fronts," continued Major Stewart. "Libya, Iraq, Syria, Crete, Suez and England are all possible battlegrounds of the future."

NAZI AIR STRENGTH

"But what we do know is that whatever may be happening elsewhere, the main events are bound to centre on this island. In the future too we shall certainly not leave the Germans alone, whatever they may decide to do."

"A few months ago I gave you my estimate of the German first line air strength and I said that it consisted of 5,000 aircraft and I also said that they had 3,000 in reserve; I also said that they would undoubtedly be increasing the strength of their air force and we know now that they are also changing the types of their machines."

Major Stewart declared that the changing over of an old type to a new one always put a factory out of gear for a time. This had happened even in Britain when new types were being manufactured and production had been somewhat slowed down in consequence.

"The Germans have no doubt arranged for appropriate overlaps so that there will be no break, but output must diminish a little while the change is being prepared," continued Major Stewart.

NO INCREASE

"For this reason, I don't expect the German air force to have increased its first line strength very appreciably. As we have seen, it is inevitable that such changes should have had an effect on our own output, but a large part of our plane supplies are coming to us from America and America has not changed her types of production. The Lockheed Hudson thought it has been improved, has not been replaced by any new machine. The Flying Fortress has also been modified and there are now five series of this machine."

"There is really nothing to retard the rate of output. The Liberator is now coming through its early stages of manufacture and I expect it to have a long period of service."

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CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE CAUSED IN NIGHT RAIDS ON DERNA AND EL GAZALA

Fleet Air Arm Bomb Oil Tanks At Amara

CAIRO, May 18 (Reuter)—Extensive fighter patrols were carried out by R.A.F. and South African aircraft on Friday, says an R.A.F. communiqué. Enemy mechanised columns and troop concentrations were machine-gunned and considerable damage was caused.

Two Messerschmitts were shot down by R.A.F. fighters and a Junkers 87 was destroyed by South African aircraft in Akroma.

R.A.F. bombers had previously been active with night raids on Benghazi, Derna, El Gazala and Barge. At each place considerable damage was done and fires and explosions caused.

Details of the heavy raids on Greek aerodromes in Menidi and Hassan on the nights of May 13, 14 and 15 are given. Nine enemy aircraft were destroyed at Hassan and many others badly damaged. Large fires and explosions were also caused.

ENGLISH TOWNS FELT FORCE OF R.A.F. ATTACK ON INVASION PORTS

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—Towns on the English side of the Straits of Dover were rocked last night as wave after wave of R.A.F. bombers dropped their bombs on targets on the French coast.

It was a side of the consecutive night that the R.A.F. had raided invasion ports and the explosions were the heaviest yet heard in southern England during these attacks.

"COLOSSAL FLASHES"

Doors and windows of houses rattled and many a treasured family ornament was shaken from its shell. Colossal flashes illuminated the starry sky above the bank of mist over the straits which were taken by watchers to indicate that the R.A.F. were using Britain's new powerful bombs.

The spearhead of the attack appeared to be the stretch of coast between Dunkirk and Boulogne. Scores of searchlights swept the sky and German ground defences put up one of their most spectacular barrages of shells and flaming incendiaries.

German ground long-range guns mounted at Cap Grisne and Calais appeared to be the targets which were the most heavily bombed during the raid.

REMARKABLE FEAT

Continued from Page 1 and the danger of eruption was impending.

SURFACE RAIDER

"Off the Santorin, we sighted a foreign motor vessel which appeared to be an Italian surface raider. We contemplated capturing her."

"I ordered 'action stations' to be manned immediately. The enemy turned tail."

"Engine trouble was added to our worries and we had to deal with a fire which broke out aboard from a bursting Diesel engine."

"Eventually, we sighted Suda Bay in Crete as a storm smashed the great seas against it."

"On May 5 we sought sanctuary there."

"We spent one day when I had to give up the Evangelistria and substitute it with a 170-ton schooner."

"We sailed for Alexandria. The south wind hit us but we kept moving as fast as we could."

STAYED BEHIND

"Half-way between we encountered a West Mediterranean cargo convoy who offered to escort and protect but as we were unable to keep up we stayed behind."

"Finally we made port unmolested after 18 days since we embarked from the Greek beach."

Concluding his odyssey, Lieut. Comdr. Willmott paid high tribute to Skipper Crawford, who during peace-time, was a first class fisherman, and also to the parties' splendid behaviour to face the appalling weather which prevailed throughout.

APPREHENSION FELT

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It is understood that some additional German aircraft have arrived in Syrian air bases in the past planes. It was stated in authority.

ANKARA, May 18 (Reuter)—Several train loads of war materials were sent from Syria to Iraq on Friday and Saturday.

The railway passes through Turkey and, under the terms of the convention, the Turks must be notified of passage of all war materials exceeding one truck, but they have no power to impede such traffic.

It is considered this traffic is not likely to continue as it is known that stocks of ammunition and petrol in Syria are low.

FRENCH FIGHTERS

VICHY, May 18 (Reuter)—French fighter aircraft went up when three British bombers appeared over the Damascus area yesterday, according to a statement issued here.

Nothing was said as to the sequel except that the "British planes recrossed the Palestine frontier."

Before appearing over the Damascus area the British planes bombed the Syrian aerodrome at Palmyra on the Tripoli branch of the Mosul pipeline.

They also flew over Aleppo.

DENTZ PROTESTS

CAIRO, May 18 (Reuter)—It is learned that Gen. Dentz, French Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Syria, has protested in the name of the Vichy Government to the British Consul-General at Beirut against the British bombing of Syrian air bases.

From all operations reported, six British aircraft are missing but the pilot of one fighter is safe.

Fluid Mobile Warfare In Western Desert: Amba Alagi Fate Sealed

CAIRO, May 18 (Reuter)—In the Western Desert, focus on the fighting now centres around the frontier and though few German parties are still on the Egyptian side of the frontier, the main fighting occurred between the frontier wire and Fort Capuzzo, a mile-and-a-half on the Italian side.

The fighting is not a big offensive but fluid mobile warfare and it emphasised that the actual battleground matters little provided we make the enemy lose men and machines out of action.

Prisoners taken are mostly mechanised infantry tank crews, many of whom were captured, afoot after vehicles were smashed up by our fire.

The Tabuk counter-attack must have been an unpleasant reminder to the enemy of the presence behind him of this big fortress. Steady fighting continues around Amba Alagi where the Italians have a position like Keren with the road rising 10,000 feet with hairpin bends and sheer drops making road obstruction easy.

TERMS OF SURRENDER

London, May 18 (Reuter)—It is officially learned that the Duke of Ansta is seeking terms of surrender for the Italian forces in the Amba Alagi area.

BRONXVILLE, New York, May 18 (Reuter)—The death occurred here of Dr. Harry Whitford, the septuagenarian international authority on crude rubber production.

Hamburg Shipbuilding Works Heavily Raided

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—The port and shipbuilding works of HAMBURG, the industrial area of MANNHEIM and LUDWIGSHAFEN were again objects of specially heavy raids during the week ended at dawn on May 16.

On the night of May 10, the whole dock area of Hamburg was once more set ablaze.

Hamburg received two further and HANOVER were raided once each; and three small raids were also carried out on industrial targets of BERLIN.

Another feature of the week's activities was the highly successful daylight raid on the naval base and fortifications of HELIGOLAND which, one of the pilots described, as a "perfect theoretical raid carried out in practice".

Attacks continued on docks and shipping in occupied territories, ST. NAZAIRE, OSTEND, CALAIS, BOULOGNE, LIJMUIDEN and ROTTERDAM being the main objectives.

British bombers again raided Cologne on Saturday night, it is learned authoritatively.

It is also confirmed that the R.A.F. attacked ports in occupied areas.

SLIGHT ACTIVITY

Slight enemy air activity over Britain on Saturday night was reported in an official communiqué which reads: "Enemy air activity over this country last night was on a very small scale."

MORRISON'S STATEMENT ON HESS

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—Rudolf Hess, "this gangster" is going to stay in British hands, declared Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary.

The question of the hour was "what's your Hess guess" and we could, at least, be grateful to the Deputy Fuehrer for providing the British people with a good deal of entertainment in the midst of grim times.

Mr. Morrison said that he had no Hess guess but "Hess was a brutal thug whose hands, like his master's, are stained with some of the worst political crimes in modern times."

The main thing was that no matter what kind of animal he was, whether a trojan horse or rat number one, he was caged.

STATEMENTS BY HESS

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It is reported that the wife of Hess was arrested two days ago in Berlin. Many arrests have taken place. Anyone who talks about the Hess affair in public is immediately taken into custody.

The latest Berlin statement is that Hess was not a victim of hallucinations but a fanatical idealist.

STATEMENTS STUDIED

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—Full reports of the statements made by Rudolf Hess after landing in Scotland have now been sent to No. 10 Downing Street, for the Prime Minister to study, says the DAILY TELEGRAPH political correspondent.

It is a long account of all Hess had been saying in his talks with Mr. Ivone Kirkpatrick of the Foreign Office.

The examination of Hess was conducted in German and the translation was prepared.

CLOSE SECRET

Contents of the report are being kept a close secret but there is room to believe that Hess has thrown interesting light on conditions in Germany.

Everything reported is being carefully examined and minutely checked by intelligence officers to test the value and reliability of Hess' statements.

Meanwhile, Hess is still a patient in the military hospital in Scotland where his status is that of an ordinary wounded prisoner of war.

NO SOVIET PILOTS IN IRAQI AIR FORCE—MOSCOW

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—The Moscow radio broadcasts a Tass agency denial of the statement issued by the Baghdad broadcasting station alleging that the Soviet Government is permitting Soviet pilots to volunteer for the Iraqi air force.

The agency says that the statement is a product of imagination.

NIZAM APPEALS TO MUSLIMS

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entertain on the subject. I consider it necessary to issue this brief message.

"I am fully convinced and wish it to be known and realised by all Muslims and others who may be interested in Iraq that the British Government have no other desire than to maintain the friendliest relations with that Kingdom, the creation of which took such a prominent part.

"Their sole purpose in Iraq is to maintain essential lines of communication with allies of Egypt and Turkey."

"The maintenance of those lines of communication is expressly provided in the treaty alliance with the independent kingdom of Iraq which was negotiated in 1930.

"Once essential requirement is secured, the British Government I have no doubt, will be ready to resume close and friendly relations which have subsisted between them and Iraq ever since the country has achieved the sovereign status.

"The immediate cause of the present trouble is the treachery of Rashid Ali who became a party to German designs.

"He began by seizing power and ousting the lawful Regent who had been placed in office according to the constitution and compelled to flee the country.

MISGUIDED MINORITY

"Supported by a small, but misguided minority, he next violated shamelessly the solemn treaty his country had made with our Empire by treacherously surrounding and attacking the air base of Habbaniyah which was maintained under the explicit treaty provision.

"As was inevitable, he met severe repulse from our gallant troops, both British and Indian.

"The action which the British forces have been thus compelled to take is in self-defence and for the purpose of keeping open the lines of communication which are so vital to the defence of India and Egypt.

"It is also best for the interests of Iraq itself."

"I strongly appeal to the Muslims in India to join with me in expressing our unqualified disapproval of the action of Rashid Ali and his clique who offended against one of the most solemn precepts of Islam which is an honour of the pledged word."

For Fun In The Sun!

CHOOSE
Manhattan
SPORTSWEAR

LATEST DESIGNS
DASHING COLOURS
ALL SIZES

NEW SHIPMENT
JUST UNPACKED

China Emporium

GERMAN ADVANCE ON EGYPT IS NIPPED IN THE HEAD BY GENERAL WAVELL

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—News of the recapture of Sollum is encouraging. Sollum itself means nothing, and General Wavell may just as easily decide to withdraw his men as exploit the present success by a further advance, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

"He has shown himself such a master of desert warfare that it would be presumptuous to predict his plans. He seems to have nipped off the head of the German advance very successfully and it will probably be found that enemy losses were substantial."

Meanwhile his forces at Tobruk have been keeping the enemy fully occupied by attacks with strongly armoured raiding parties and British planes have been making life uncomfortable for all columns bringing up supplies and reinforcements.

The moral effect of this success will be most wholesome in Egypt and in Syria but its chief importance lies in the fact that the Germans will have to put forth much greater efforts if they are to maintain their pressure on the Egyptian frontier—great efforts at the end of a line of communications stretching across the desert from Tripoli and Benghazi, not to mention the Mediterranean crossing.

Appeal to you to give generously to the Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

We realise how great the desire is to help Great Britain and China but we must also meet the urgent needs of our own community. We are asking you to join with us to fight the most serious health problem in Hongkong—last year there were 0,443 cases of tuberculosis reported with 5,751 deaths. Year by year the incidence rapidly increases.

Tuberculosis is no respecter of persons, it attacks every section of the community; the coarse suffering from mal-nutrition may be the first victim, but the spread of the disease among all classes of society is inevitable unless we act now. One of the first needs is a sanatorium.

SINO-RUSSIA AGREEMENT

CHUNGKING, May 18 (Reuter)—The official Central Daily News states the Chinese and Soviet authorities have reached an agreement in principle for a further extension of the barter agreement concluded last year whereby the Chinese Government undertook to send raw materials to Russia in exchange for arms and ammunitions. Special significance is attached to this Agreement in Chinese circles because it follows closely the conclusion of the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact thus leading to the belief that the Pact would not affect Soviet assistance to China.

Appeal For Tuberculosis Sanatorium For H.K.

Above the signatures of Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Robert Ho-Tung, Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. W. N. Tam, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-Yong, Mr. Fung Chi-ying, Mr. P. Gockchin, Mr. Shou J. Chen, Mr. T. N. Chan, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. M. Y. Tang, Mr. T. F. Lo, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Mr. D. Benson, Hon. Mr. Stailey H. Dodwell, Mr. S. T. Williamson, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Mr. B. Wyllie and Mr. Ip Ming-loo, we publish the following appeal for a sanatorium for Hongkong:

We appeal to you to give generously to the Anti-Tuberculosis Association. Every city requires such an institution, but because of the appallingly overcrowded housing conditions of Hongkong, here a sanatorium is essential. The capital cost of the institution we have planned amounts to \$50,000 and a further sum of \$12,000 per annum will be needed for its upkeep and maintenance.

This is only a small sum, but should be the means of saving much suffering and many lives. Donations, however small, will be very gratefully received and should be sent to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. D. Benson, at the Mercantile Bank, 8, Queen's Road, West. Cheques should be made payable to the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

AMERICA AND THE WAR

BY "OBSERVER"

It is asserted by many American writers that the United States will be in the war in the course of a few months. They argue that the passing of the Lease and Lend Bill will certainly fall in its purpose if the logical conclusion is not accepted, namely that the goods must be safely delivered where they will be of value and not sent to the bottom while they are on the way.

In other words the granting of convoys is tantamount to a declaration of war, since German leaders have already said they will sink any vessel engaged in convoying goods to Britain.

On the other hand it is said that Hitler will avoid war with the United States in spite of this provocation. What are the reasons for supposing that Germany would not declare war in the event of convoys being accepted as part of American policy? For Hitler, war against the United States would mean a new and powerful enemy committed to his defeat.

It would mean a blasting of the whole submarine blockade through the full use of the American navy and air force. It would be an encouragement to those suffering under Nazi rule—the Norwegians, the Czechs, the Dutch and such people and at the same time would be damaging to the morale of the German people who would recall the earlier triumphs of the last war and the ultimate failure because of the colossal and inexhaustible material support from the United States.

STRONG MOVEMENT

In America there would be a strong movement towards unity, and an end to strikes, for labour and capital would have to submit to government control in the interests of national security. The nation would be braced for a gigantic war effort, for winning the war would exclude consideration of all personal and private interests and put an end to the friction that interrupts the smooth working of national industry at the present time.

On the debit side for the Allies and on the credit side for Germany, should she declare war, would be the possibility of Japan's intervention.

In these days however it is not very wise to rely on pacts which are ostentatiously signed, and quietly ignored when the time comes for them to be implemented. A declaration of war by Germany might even be regarded by the Japanese as reason for abstaining from the conflict. In any case Japan will choose the occasion for the bigger move south.

Germany points to the inefficiency of the democracies, and especially of the United States, and to their inability to organise the nation's effort and to focus its strength for the realisation of some great purpose.

GIVES THE LIE

Britain at war gives the lie to this charge, and not only Britain but the whole British Commonwealth whose solidarity and unity of aim, namely the destruction of Hitlerism has never been so strong as it is today.

Germany has on the other hand attained her position of unity by means that would not command themselves to democratic countries, for such totalitarian methods are the negation of democratic ideals.

In the first place Hitler admits that the German people or the masses as he calls them are sheep and are easily led. Those who are recalcitrant, find themselves in concentration camps where torture and cruelty are the order of the day. Then Hitler has appealed to their lower instincts, the thirst for revenge, the abolition of the Versailles treaty, the enslavement of the so-called inferior races and to German racial pride. The people of the United States are not influenced by any of these motives. They seek no revenge, they are not directly nor immediately threatened, but they are vitally concerned with the survival of democracy and of their general way of life.

This is the motive that lies behind the American war preparation. It is slower in registering its effect upon national production, but it is deeper and more lasting when it does, for it is moral and idealistic; it is preparing and aiming at creating a new and better order, not the new Nazi order which has been completely discredited and undermined by the desertion of Hitler's chief henchmen, Herr Hess. That is the difference.

HAS A MISSION

America has come to realise that she has a mission in the world as well as Britain and that her power, her wealth and her moral resources must be mobilised in the interests of the victims of aggression in every part of the world. She feels now these possessions and the great privileges she enjoys by virtue of her amazing capacity to

DEATH OF SIR DAVID OWEN

Harbour Expert Was Here Recently

CHICAGO, May 18 (Reuter)—The death occurred here of SIR DAVID OWEN, Chairman of the Merchant Shipping Advisory Committee of the Board of Trade, who was returning to London from Hongkong.

He became ill on Mar. 28 and brought to the hotel here and placed under the care of heart specialists. He was apparently improving and was planning to continue his journey but died in his sleep.

The invitation of the Hongkong Government, Sir David Owen arrived in Hongkong on Jan. 10 last to investigate the whole question of Harbour facilities, organisation and administration here. He completed his investigations in Feb. and issued his report on Feb. 24. A tribute to his work was paid by H. E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, at the Legislative Council meeting last month.

BORN IN LIVERPOOL

Sir David Owen was born in Liverpool on Mar. 8, 1874. He married Miss Mary Elizabeth Owen in 1899, who died in 1906. In 1908, Sir David married Marian Maud, the widow of Mr. J. H. Thomas, of Carmarthen.

The late Sir David was in the service of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, Liverpool, for 13 years; and was Manager and Secretary to Paul Brothers, Flour Mills, in 1904. For seven years (1908-15) he was assistant manager of Google Docks, and became Manager in 1915.

He was a Past President of the National Confederation of Employers' Organisations, and the Institute of Transport. In 1932-33 he was a member of the Royal Commission on Lotteries and Betting.

The late Sir David was the author of several books, among which were *A Short History of the Port of Belfast* (1917), *History of Belfast* (1921), and *The Port of London—Yesterday and Today* (1927).

N.Z. Premier In Cairo

CAIRO, May 18 (Reuter)—Mr. Peter Fraser, the New Zealand Prime Minister, arrived in Cairo by air and is staying at the Embassy.

Mr. Fraser whose visit has been arranged some time ago, signed the visitors' book at the Palace of Friday and yesterday, accompanied by Sir Miles Lampson, British Ambassador to Egypt, saw the Premier.

Mr. Fraser will visit a number of detachments of New Zealand troops.

On his way he discussed in Batavia problems arising from the Pacific defence as affecting Australia.

YUGOSLAV PROTEST

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—The first king of the new kingdom of Croatia will be Prince Amedeo of Savoia, the Duke of Spoleto, according to well-informed circles in Rome says the Swiss radio.

The Pope received Prince Amedeo in a private audience yesterday.

BOMB-DESIGNER RECUPERATING

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter)—Air Commodore Huskinson, the bomb designer, whose eyes were injured when he was watching the effect of the blast of German bombs during a raid, is in the country recuperating.

He left hospital a day or two ago wearing darkened glasses and was unable as yet to use his eyes but there is every hope that even if his sight may be a little impaired he will recover sufficiently to resume his work at the Ministry of Aircraft Production shortly.

JAPANESE OUTRAGE IN SHANGHAI

CHUNGKING, May 18 (Reuter)—A countryman narrowly escaped with his life and three pedestrians were wounded as a result of another shooting outrage perpetrated by the Japanese in Shanghai on Friday.

Posted on the Sinza Road Bridge in Shanghai, a Japanese sentry yesterday afternoon challenged a countryman carrying three bundles passing the bridge and wanted to examine the contents of the load.

Due to language difficulties, the man misunderstood the warning, whereupon the Japanese immediately opened fire. Three shots were aimed at him but all missed. Three pedestrians were wounded and subsequently sent to the Panum Hospital for treatment. Taking advantage of the confusion caused, the countryman escaped.

GENERAL

JAPANESE OFFENSIVE REPULSED

CHUNGKING, May 18 (Reuter)—The big Japanese May offensive in Central China has collapsed on all fronts except in southern Shandong province where the Chinese forces outnumbered are now abandoning the Yellow River crossings and turning towards the Japanese rear for a large-scale mobile warfare, according to the Chinese Central Daily News yesterday.

In southern Honan and northern Hupeh the Japanese have been driven back to their original positions with heavy losses; it is added.

LOYANG BOMBED

Over 100 Japanese aircraft on Friday raided Loyang, important city on the Lunghai railway and on the south bank of the Yellow River, throughout the day and dropping 500 bombs and destroying almost one-fourth of the city.

Chinese field despatches yesterday claim that the Japanese drive in northern Hupeh has been repulsed and that the Japanese, after reaching the Yellow River crossings, abandoned them again.

CHU SHIH-MING AND B.S. FONG IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Central)—Major-General Chu Shih-ming, newly-appointed military attaché to the Chinese Embassy in Washington arrived here yesterday to take up his post. Prior to his present appointment, Major-General Chu had been Director of the Intelligence and Publicity Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for nearly two years.

The recent visit to Chungking of Mr. B. S. Fong, well-known Chinese leader and patriotic worker in San Francisco, has created a deep and favourable impression among the overseas Chinese throughout America who now are more "China conscious" than ever before and are redoubling their efforts to support the Central Government to prosecute the war and economic reconstruction.

Returning to San Francisco by Clipper on May 14, Mr. Fong was given the greatest welcome ever accorded a Chinatown resident. He told American newspapermen that China is determined to continue her struggle against Japan to the bitter end and urged further American assistance to China.

FEARLESS PAPERS

Speaking on behalf of the Takungpao, Mr. David Lu said: "The Medal of Honour is not only a tribute to the Takungpao alone but also to scores of loyal and progressive and fearless newspapers in China which have been destroyed by gunfire and bombings and others which have been forced to suspend publication because they refused to bow to the coercion, bribes, and threats of the invaders."

He added that the medal is a symbol of friendship and encouragement from the American Press to the Chinese Press which so gallantly withdrew from the invaded areas and which is carrying

on despite bombings, financial and physical difficulties. It is also a symbol of homage to scores of unknown journalists who have sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom and democracy during the last four years.

He assured that the Takungpao and the Chinese Press which continue to support the National Government loyally and defy the invaders courageously will carry on the fight to re-establish and maintain a free and enlightened Press in the land of 450,000,000 people and cement friendship between the peoples of the two great Republics bordering the Pacific Ocean—the United States of America and the Republic of China.

NEWS CENTRE

Speaking on "The Far East as a News Centre," Mr. James Young, of the International News Service, paid a tribute to the Takungpao, particularly Mr. Chang Chih-juan, its Editor-in-Chief.

It is recalled that the Medal of Honour was awarded to La Prensa in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1930; the Manchester Guardian in England, 1931; the Frankfurter Zeitung in Germany, 1932; the Japan Advertiser in Tokyo and the London Times in 1933; the Argus in Melbourne, Australia, 1934; the Montreal Star in Canada, 1935; the Asahi Shimbum in Tokyo, 1936; the Toronto Star in Canada, 1938 and the Times of India, 1939.

CHUNGKING PRESSMEN CELEBRATE

CHUNGKING, May 18 (Central)

—The Chinese Institute of Journalists and the Chungking Press Association jointly gave a tea party this afternoon at the Central Kuomintang Headquarters auditorium in celebration of the award by the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri, U.S.A., of the 1941 medal to the Takungpao.

More than 300 government officials and newspapermen were pre-

TAKUNGPAO RECEIVES 1941 AWRD

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, May 15 (Central)—The TAKUNGPAO was awarded the 1941 Medal of Honour for distinguished service in journalism by the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri today during the 32nd annual Journalism Week ceremony.

Prof. Frank Martin, Dean of the School, presided the medal which was accepted by Mr. David Lu, Central News correspondent in Washington, on behalf of the Takungpao. The Takungpao is the only foreign journal honoured for distinguished service this year and the first Chinese newspaper to receive the journalism award.

The citation for the award reads: "For the excellence and thoroughness of its national and international news coverage throughout a known period during which China has faced serious internal and external problems; for the power and wide influence of its fearless and trenchant editorials; for its unusual liberal and progressive policies since its founding in 1902; for its vision, adaptability and persistence in continuing its long established tradition of constructive journalism; for its unchanged prestige despite financial difficulties, threats and mechanical handicaps;

"For its courage, ingenuity and resourcefulness in removing the Press machinery and staff against tremendous odds from Tientsin to Shanghai, Hankow, Chungking and Hongkong as fortunes of war demanded; for its spirit and determination in publishing in bomb-proof shelters and makeshifts missing only one or two issues; for its determination to maintain, despite successive bombings, its outstanding position as China's most respected, enlightened and best edited Chinese newspaper; for its career without parallel in history of journalism in China."

MASS AIR RAID ON CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, May 18 (Reuter)—

Chinese fighters engaged Japanese aircraft yesterday morning when 83 Japanese machines raided Chungking in three waves and dropped over 200 bombs and demolished 100 houses, it is officially stated.

One lone raider yesterday dropped eight bombs over Ehsih, near the Szechuan-Hupeh border.

MONDAY, MAY 19, 1941.

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Yaumati Ferry Company Profits Lower Than 1939 Despite Traffic Increase

"Despite an increase in traffic and higher receipts the profits were lower than that of 1939," stated MR. LAU TAK-PO when he presided at the annual meeting of the HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY CO. LTD., held on Saturday.

This fall in the net earnings was attributed to the increased cost of fuel, increased taxation, requisitioning of the Man Yeung by the Hongkong Government, war-time regulations and restrictions and the higher costs of metals, timber, stores and foodstuffs.

The Board of Directors, however, recommended that the same dividends as for 1939, namely \$2.40 for each ordinary share and \$2.90 on each Preferential share, be paid.

Supporting Mr. Lau Tak-po were Dr. Kwan Sum-yin, Mr. Li Sing-kue, Mr. Cheng Kwok-on, Mr. Young Tsun-dart, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Wong Kwok-shuen, Mr. Choy Wai-hung and Mr. Wong Chol-hoo (directors), while there were over fifty shareholders present.

ANNUAL REPORT

In presenting the annual report, Mr. Lau Tak-po said:

The traffic continues to increase and although the receipts were higher than those of the previous year 1939, the net earnings were down by over \$202,000.00. The principal reasons for this being increased cost of coal, increased taxation, requisitioning of the vehicle ferry vessel "Man Yeung," war time Regulations and Restrictions, higher cost of metals, timber, stores and foodstuffs.

In 1939 when we submitted our tender to the Government for the Ferry Franchise we were paying about \$10.80 for a ton of coal. After the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and China the price began to increase but up to the outbreak of war with Germany the price of coal was only \$18.00 per ton.

In the latter part of 1940 the price of coal rose rapidly and Indian coal is now quoted at over \$80.00 and Dutch coal at over \$75.00 per ton. No one at the time of tender could have foreseen this abnormal rise.

MUST CARRY ON

The rise in the price of coal is entirely due to the shortage of available shipping. Very nearly all the British merchant shipping has been requisitioned; and British shipping now available is said to be plying for the benefit of Government. As a public utility company, even though we pay to Government sums three or four times the amount distributed among our shareholders, we must still carry on as we can and trust that Government will tackle this difficult question as soon as possible. The coal position is made worse by the fact that the vehicle ferry Man Yeung which is a diesel engined ship has been requisitioned thus further increasing the coal bill, depriving us of the benefit of our capital and one of our most economical ships.

Fortunately, we have in hand very considerable stocks which were purchased at much lower prices, but in time these stocks will be exhausted.

During 1940 we paid the Government over \$900,000.00 in rents and royalties—but we shall be unable to buy coal at present prices and pay such large sums to Government.

I am happy to state that steps are just being taken to enable us to obtain our coal supplies at a much lower rates.

The imposition of new Taxation including \$25.00 per ton on fuel oil and 10 cents per gallon on lubrication oil has also increased our operation costs.

VEHICLE FERRY SERVICE

The motor vehicle ferry Man Yeung was requisitioned by the Authorities in July 1940 but the rate of hire paid for the vessel will not even pay for ordinary depreciation. The loss of use of this vessel upset our vehicle service and caused bad congestion of traffic with an adverse effect on our vehicular traffic receipts. On the 15th instant the authorities have informed us that the Man Yeung will temporarily be returned to us and that the hire will be paid at an increased rate. It gives pleasure to state that the vehicle ferry service will return to normal as from today.

The frequent blackout exercises have also affected our receipts. The New Territories ferry services have been seriously impeded by the war time regulations and restrictions. Although the receipts have been maintained the various restrictions imposed on shipping require the employment of two extra vessels and doubled the mileage of some of the services and correspondingly the quantity of fuel consumed.

The heavy increase in the price of rice and firewood brought con-

Finance and Commerce

Petroleum Increase

An increase of eleven per cent. is recorded in the production of crude petroleum in Canada for 1940. Ninety-seven per cent. of the total output came from Alberta, where 32 new wells were completed during the year. Production in Ontario, the oldest field on the continent, declined but New Brunswick output rose.

According to the returns for 1939, Canadian wells were the source of approximately 17 per cent. of the crude refined in Canadian plants. Sixty-three per cent. came from the United States and 20 per cent. from other countries, principally from Colombia and Venezuela.

Crude petroleum output in Canada in 1940 totalled 8,718,000 barrels as compared with 7,837,500 barrels in 1939. The barrel is 35 imperial gallons.

Last year's output set up a new record for the fourth year in succession. As late as 1936 production was only 1,500,400 barrels.

The introduction of the acidisation process in 1937 was an influential factor in bringing about the increased production but many new wells have been put into operation during the last three years.

Reports received by the provincial Department of Mines indicate that this province may become one of the world's important mercury producing areas.

The development of Pinch Lake lignite deposits in the northern portion of the province, has become an operation of considerable importance. Recent discoveries in this area and extending to Yukon Territory are said to indicate a general distribution of the ore from which mercury is obtained.

In February and April this year we have taken delivery of two new ferry vessels the Man Ka and Man Kwok both of which are operating in a highly satisfactory manner. The passenger accommodation on all the new vessels are a great improvement on the older type of boats. It is the policy of the Board to replace the older and smaller class of vessels with new and more economical ships.

Your Board have recommended an increase in the minimum fare payable on commercial vehicles to \$1.50. This rate is still 25 per cent. below the authorised charges. They do not propose, however, to apply for any increase in the passengers and private car fares.

In recommending the same dividend as for 1939 namely \$2.40 for each ordinary share and \$2.90 on each Preferential share your directors have provided for the carrying of \$211,384.64 into next year's account, which I trust will meet with your approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

After the Report and Accounts have been adopted by those present, Mr. Li Sing-kue proposed, and Mr. Chen Kwok-on seconded, that Messrs. T. A. Martin and Co. and Mr. Li Tung be re-elected auditors for the current year.

The following were re-elected Directors:

Dr. Kwan Sum Yin, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Li Sing-kue, Mr. Kwok Chuen, J.P., Mr. Choy Wai Hung, Mr. Young Tsun Dart, Mr. Chen Kwok On, Mr. Wong Kwok Shuen, Mr. Chan Kam Yung.

Mr. Lau Tak Po, Managing Director, and Mr. Wong Chol Hoo, being permanent director, are not subject to re-election.

Dividend Warrants will be issued at the Head Office, at Jubilee Street Ferry Pier today Monday, May 19, 1941.

FANTASTIC, BUT TRUE

The following tale, which well deserves the above label, is an astounding revelation of the condition of German morale after a year of 'triumphs' in Norway.

Since the successful British-Norwegian raid on Lofoten, the Germans have heavily reinforced their coast patrols. One of these, operating near Bergen, was reconnoitring after nightfall when suddenly a shape appeared on a hill-side out of the darkness. "Half" cried a soldier. But then other shapes appeared and the Germans dropped everything they had and ran for their lives. The "shapes" then remained in full control of the hill. They were twelve sheep!

Next day the German commandant posted orders to the effect that all sheep must be at home by 7 p.m. Otherwise they would run the risk of being shot.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 19 to 25 May 1941.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	19	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		16.32	4 8	09.32	4 2
		16.44	5 2	22.62	2 1
Tues.	20	06.10	5 1	11.25	3 9
		17.21	4 9	23.38	2 2
Wed.	21	06.67	5 4	—	—
		18.36	4 6	12.38	3 4
Thu.	22	07.27	5 6	00.22	2 4
		19.37	4 6	13.34	2 7
Fri.	23	07.82	6 0	00.67	2 5
		20.33	4 6	14.09	2 3
Sat.	24	08.14	6 3	01.37	2 8
		21.18	4 5	14.47	1 7
Sun.	25	08.36	6 6	02.10	2 6
		22.03	4 5	15.28	1 4

BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION

Factory cheese production in Canada last year recorded a gain of 16 per cent., accompanied by a moderate reduction in the output of creamy butter. This shift to cheese followed several years of increasing butter and declining cheese production. Returns for December last and January, however, exhibited a shift back to butter. The output of factory cheese in 1940 was the highest for many years. Production of concentrated milk last year showed a gain of 18 per cent.

The production of factory cheese pounds, has the production of factory cheese been as great as last year?

Ontario led the provinces in

creamy butter production last

year with Quebec second. Alberta,

Saskatchewan and Manitoba fol-

lowed in the order named. Not-

withstanding the decline in Domi-

nion output, increases were report-

ed from six provinces.

A DECLINE

Production declined in Ontario

from 83,244,000 pounds in 1939 to

82,237,000 pounds last year; in

Quebec from 79,793,000 to 73,557,000

pounds; and in New Brunswick

from 3,969,000 to 3,924,000 pounds.

On the other hand, output in

Prince Edward Island increased

from 1,925,000 to 1,995,000 pounds;

Nova Scotia from 5,678,000 to

5,865,000; British Columbia from

6,086,000 to 6,181,000; Manitoba

from 25,524,000 to 27,290,000;

Saskatchewan from 25,400,000 to

28,307,000; and in Alberta from

29,710,000 to 29,797,000 pounds.

In factory cheese production

Ontario again led the provinces with

Quebec second. Manitoba ranked

third in this branch of dairying

followed by Alberta and British

Columbia.

All provinces except British

Colombia showed gains.

Factory cheese output in Ontario

increased from 88,518,000 pounds in 1939 to

92,524,000 pounds last year; and in

Quebec from 26,271,000 to 33,887,-

000 pounds. In British Columbia

there was a decline from 92,000 to

75,000 pounds.

On the other hand, production

increased from 345,000 to 402,000

pounds in Saskatchewan; 561,000

to 628,000 in New Brunswick; 465,-

000 to 684,000 in Prince Edward

Island; 2,196,000 to 2,708,000 in Alber-

ta; and from 3,493,000 to 4,546,-

000 pounds in Manitoba.

Importers are warned that no

all cases

GORDON'S GIN

NO Colouring Matter

No Injurious Ingredients



New Regulations For Imports Into Colony

It is notified for general information in the Government Gazette that all firms, hongs, companies and individuals who import foodstuffs (including liquids) directly to Hongkong from the United Kingdom that revised quota figures allotted in respect of each kind of foodstuff are shortly to be submitted to the United Kingdom Government for consideration.

Any importer who is directly concerned with such imports and has good reason to such revision of the quota figures already allotted to him or them, should apply to the office of the Controller of Food (Mr. D. L. Newbigging) by letter on or before May 21 this year, when due consideration will be given to individual applications.

The above relates to previous notifications that all orders for foodstuffs from the United Kingdom for consignment to Hongkong should in future be submitted to the Controller of Food for endorsement before they are despatched. Strict control is now being exercised on the export from the United Kingdom of all articles of food and in the absence of such endorsement export may not be permitted. Consignees are therefore advised to do so on or before May 21.

Importers are warned that no

PRE-PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following classes of advertisements are charged at the price given below:

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 17, 1941.

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer, £27/7/8

Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/8

Credits 4 months' sight

On Shanghai:—
On demand 145On Singapore:—
On demand 52 3/4On Japan:—
On demand 108 1/2On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer, £82 5/8

and demand 1/3 7/8

On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8

Credits, 60 days' sight 24 7/8

On Batavia:—
On demand 35 1/4On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.

Credits 4 months' sight Nom.

On Saigon:—
On demand 104 1/2On Manila:—
On demand 48 1/4On Bangkok:—
On demand 146 1/2On Sterling Notes:—
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Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Saturday, May 17.

The price for Ready Silver rose

1/16 yesterday to 23 1/2 but the

Forward rate dropped 1/16 to 23

7/16. Silver advices reported,

the market as being steady. American

Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for

Spot.

The London/New York cross-

rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New

York/London was quoted at 403.

1/4.

MARKET

Extremely dull.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to

10/4, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any

delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

No business was reported. There

were sellers at 24 1/2 for near and

forward, buyers at 24 9/16 for

Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Quiet. There were sellers at 456.

1/4, buyers at 456 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Dull. Sellers of Sterling for near

delivery at 3 9/32 and U.S. dollars

at 6 11/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 17 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates.

Opening

London 0/3-1/8

New York 5 3/16

Japan 22

India 17 1/4

Paris nominal

Hongkong 20 3/4

Sterling

Sellers

Opening Closing

Spot 0/3-9/32 0/3-9/32

May 0/3-9/32, 0/3-9/32

June 0/3-9/32 0/3-9/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot 55 11/32 55 11/32

May 5 11/32 5 11/32

June 5 3/8 5 11/32

Market:—Dull.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's

rate on London at 10 a.m. today

was 1 2/1 2/2.

The Equalisation rate was 24 1/2

per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, May 17 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 81 1/2

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, May 17 (Reuter).

Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 95 04-0.

SILVER MARKET

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, May 17 (Reuter).

Market:—Steady. Offtake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62 08

May 21 Settlement 62 08

June 20 Settlement 62 09

Canned herring production of

British Columbia last season totalled 608,000 cases, most of which

went to the United Kingdom. Experiments have been made with

the canning of small sized herring and pilchards in sardine style.

Herring reduction plants produced

1,101,887 gallons of herring oil and

9,042 tons of herring meal. The

production of dry salted herring totalled 5,241 tons.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, May 17, 1941.

Prev. Today's

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	12.97	12.84	12.88	12.92	.04 up
New York Rubber, July	24.35	24.35	24.35	24.35	unch.
Chicago Wheat, July	984	971	984	973	1 off
Chicago Corn, July	723	724	73	724	1 off
New York Hides, June	14.87	14.82	14.83	14.83	unch.

	Close	Closing	Change
July	12.88/38	12.92/92	.04 up
October	13.04/04	13.06/06	.02 up
December	13.10/11	13.13/15	.03 up
January	13.10 N	13.14 b	.04 up
March	13.15/15	13.20/20	.05 up
Spot	13.29	13.33	.04 up

Total sales Friday:—173,200 bales.

The last trading day for May cotton is May 18.

	Close	Closing	Change
July	24.35/35	24.35/35	unch.
September	23.80b/85a	23.80/80	unch.
December	23.30/35	23.38b/39a	.06 up
March	22.85 N	23.01 N	.06 up

Total sales for the day:—160 tons.

The last trading day for May rubber is May 27.

	July	September	Friday's sales:
983/981	973/971	981/981	14,085,000 bushels.
991/991	981/981	981/981	1

Total sales for the day:—73 lots.

The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

	September	7.85 N	Closed
7.85 N	7.85 N	7.85 N	unch.

Total sales for the day:—101 lots.

The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.

	July	84b/84a	84b/84a	unch.
84b/84a	84b/84a	84b/84a	84b/84a	unch.

	July	11.75b/98a	11.75b/98a	unch.
11.75b/98a	11.75b/98a	11.75b/98a	11.75b/98a	unch.

	July	10.67/87	10.67/87	unch.
10.67/87	10.67/87	10.67/87	10.67/87	unch.

	September	9.87/87	9.82/92	.05 up
9.87/87	9.87/87	9.82/92	9.82/92	.05 up

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NORWAY STILL CONTINUES
FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

AT ITS LAST MEETING, APRIL 9, 1940, THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT unanimously voted the Government full powers to resist the German invasion and, if necessary, to continue the fight beyond the borders of the country. On June 9 the Government, recognising that the struggle in northern Norway would have to be abandoned because of the situation in France, resolved to go to

Before leaving Norway, the Cabinet received three new members representing three other important parties in Parliament, an indication of the unbreakable unity into which the Norwegian people had been welded.

The only change effected since then is the retirement of Dr. Halvdan Koht as Minister of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Trygve Lie, former Minister of Supplies, has been appointed in his place. All the Norwegian Legations and Consulates in foreign countries continue their usual activities, representing the lawful government of King Haakon VII.

NORWAY CARRIES ON

From London the Government now directs Norway's continuing fight side by side with her Allies against Nazi attempts to dominate the world. Here the Cabinet meets in weekly council with the King and the Crown Prince, while the various ministries carry on their regular functions. A Norwegian hospital with a Norwegian staff and a large social centre for Norwegian sailors who are front line soldiers in the fight for freedom. One of the leading British shipping reviews recently stated that the Norwegian merchant fleet was of greater importance to the war than a million soldiers, and the British Minister of Shipping declared in a speech not long ago that the Norwegian ships are vitally important to the outcome of the war.

As England could hardly spare either airmen or equipment for the training of Norwegian airmen and as Norway already had placed large orders in America for training fighter and bomber planes, the new Royal Norwegian Air Force was established in Canada. Some of the most experienced pilots, flying the first fully equipped Norwegian squadron of fighter planes, have already left for England to co-operate with the R.A.F. In addition some Norwegians have also enlisted directly in the R.A.F. Norwegian planes which had a sufficient range, together with a few German planes captured during the war, were flown to England last June and have seen active service ever since.

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Roosevelt On
World Trade

WASHINGTON, May 18 (Reuters)—International trade in the world is dominated by totalitarianism and would be merely a weapon for aggression, declared President Roosevelt yesterday in a statement in connexion with the National Trade Week.

The United States, he asserted, must defend the democratic principles and "continue its leadership in the presentation and promotion of liberal and economic policies." "Only thus," he said, "could the United States fulfil its responsibility in rebuilding the world economy from chaos in which it has been plunged by destructive trade restrictions born largely of greed and unreasoned fear and ruthless aggression."

Mr. Roosevelt added: "We know we are facing a worldwide crisis of truly desperate intensity."

"Totalitarian aggression menaces not only our foreign trade and national business prosperity but the very social and spiritual framework of our democratic way of life."

AMERICAN EGGS
FOR BRITAIN

NEW YORK, May 18 (Reuters)—The New York Sun reports that huge stocks of eggs for Britain have been bought by the Federal Government in pursuance of the policy of buying and shipping food to England under the Lend-Lease Act. Twelve million five hundred and forty-three thousand pounds of frozen and 617,000 pounds of dried eggs were purchased on Friday.

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Monopoly Scheme Will Break Stranglehold

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by this Association, on behalf of its 35 members, to be included in the scheme, as some of the members were also in the import business. We agreed to keep as reserve ten per cent. of our imports. For some reason or the other, our application was turned down by the then Food Controller.

INCREASE IN SUBSIDY

On the other hand, an application by the Importers' Association for an increase in the subsidy from 12 cents to 18 cents per bag, was granted by Government. This subsidy, I have to explain, was originally given, at the request of the importers, for the purpose of covering any possible loss that might be incurred by them through having to keep their rice in stock as a reserve.

"With the rise of prices in Shanghai, representatives of the Shanghai hongs in Hongkong began to compete with members of this Association with the result that, in order to stop all the stocks going out of the Colony, we were compelled to offer more for the rice until we had to pay more than the prices fixed by Government for wholesalers!

"Another contributory factor to the rising prices was the omission, by Government, to fix the selling rates of the importers with the result that, while both the wholesale and retail prices were fixed, the importers could charge whatever they fancied.

"Should the market drop, due to one reason or the other, the importers resorted to bonding their stocks as reserve, under Government order, rather than selling them in the open market, as used to be done."

OBSTACLE OVERCOME

When reminded that the export of rice was, and is, forbidden, except under licence, Mr. Yeung stated that that obstacle was overcome by applying for the release from the godowns of partly deteriorated rice and for permits to export this. "But in nearly every case of such exports, fresh stocks of rice have been included," continued Mr. Yeung.

Asked as to what the re-action would be if Government were to take over the retail business, Mr. Yeung stated that such a step would adversely affect local conditions.

"Government," he said, "does not seem to understand the retail conditions of the rice business. There are over 1,000 retail stores in the Colony, but the majority of them are capitalised at under \$2,000. As a matter of fact, many of these rice shops have a capital of under \$1,000."

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

TEN GOALS FOR PORTSMOUTH

LONDON, May 18 (Reuters)—The following are the results of Home football matches played yesterday:

LONDON CUP

Arsenal 3, West Ham 0.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Cardiff City 4, West Brom. 4;
Crystal Pal. 7, Southend 0; Fulham 4, Millwall 1; Leicester 1; Tottenham 2; Northampton 4; Chelsea 1; Portsmouth 10, Aldershot 5.

HAMPSHIRE CUP SEMI-FINAL
Queen's P. R. 4, Watford 2; Reading 1, Brentford 4.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Blackpool 0, Preston 2; Bolton 1; Manchester City 1; Oldham 1; Wrexham 4, Liverpool 3.

CUNTHORPE CUP
Huddersfield 2, Bury 0; Tranmere 1, Chester 4.

CHESHIRE COUNTY BOWL
Regional Matches
Mansfield 6, Doncaster 1, Stoke 2, Chesterfield 2.

COMBINED COUNTIES FINAL
Middlesb. 3, Leeds 2.

LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL
Manchester U. 1, Burnley 0.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL REPLAY
Hearts 2, Rangers 4.

OTHER MATCHES

F. A. XI 4, Army XI 2; Rotherham 2, R. A. F. XI 1; Scottish XI 5, Army XI 0; Walsall 4, Aston Villa 3.

"All rise and drop in the prices must originate from the importers," concluded Mr. Yeung.

H.K. VOLUNTEER ORDERS

CONTINUED FROM SATURDAY

Recruits' Medical Examination

There will be no recruits' Medical Examination on Friday, May 23.

Discipline

All ranks are reminded that they must, when in uniform, always salute as under—(a) Subaltern Officers—Salute all Officers of Field Rank or above; (b) Other Ranks—Salute all Officers both regular and H.K.V.D.C.

Applications

All Ranks are reminded of the correct method of making applications for leave, resignation, etc. (a) Leave off half-day training and Camp-Direct to Commandant endorsed where applicable by the member's employer and/or supported by a medical certificate. (b) All Other Applications—Direct to the Unit Commander, who will either deal with them himself or forward with comments to the Adjutant. This order will be read out on parade by all Unit Commanders, and members should draw the attention of their employers to it.

Appointments

(a) Captain V. C. Branson, M.B.E. M.C. to act as Advisory Officer to Nos. 5 and 6 Companies w.e.f. 15.5.41. (b) Captain H. A. de B. Boelio to command No. 6 Company w.e.f. 15.5.41. (c) Lieut. C. D'Almada e Castro to command No. 5 Company w.e.f. 15.5.41. (d) Lieut. G. T. Balem to command Field Ambulance w.e.f. 15.5.41. (e) Captain N. Garland will perform the duties of O.C. Corps Artillery w.e.f. 15.5.41 during the absence on leave of Lt.-Col. T. A. Martin.

Unit Commanders' Conference

All Unit Commanders (less Auxiliary) will attend a conference to be held by the Commandant in the Officers' Mess on Tuesday, June 22, a.m. 9.45 p.m.

Parades

No. 6 Company—Tues. May 20, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. T.O.E.T. (cont'd). Fri. May 23, H.Q. 2 p.m. Dress-Boots, trousers, shirt, helmet and webbing equipment. No. 7 Company—Mon. May 19, H.Q. 6.45 p.m. No. 25 Pln. L.I. instruction. No. 26 Pln. L.G. instruction. Probable stoppage Fri. May 23, H.Q. 2 p.m. Training at D'Aguilar. Helmets will be worn.

Army Service Corps Company—Mon. May 19 to Sat. May 24. Duty Officers as detailed. Transport and Supplies Sections daily as detailed. Dress as ordered. Thurs. May 22. Buses from Queen's Pier 5.20 p.m.

Lecture on Elementary mechanics. Dress as usual. Sun. May 24. Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry (Kowloon); 8.45 a.m. All day exercise (compulsory for Transport and Supplies Sections). Dress-shorts, shirts, boots, puttees, belt and topees. Steel helmets and respirators must be carried.

Field Ambulance—Wed. May 21, H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress—helmet, shirt, shorts, puttees, hosestops, boots, webbing belt.

Pay Section—Thurs. May 22. Command H.Q. Sub-Section I. Dress—Uniform. Fri. May 23. Command H.Q. Sub-Section II. Dress—Uniform.

Fortress Signal Company—Wed. May 21, Exchange Building, 2.30 p.m. Manning as detailed.

Hongkong Engineering Company—Mon. May 19, Kowloon Dock Club, 5.45 p.m. Third lecture on bomb disposal to Officers and N.C.O.'s.

Appointments and Promotions

L/Cpl. E. Tuck, A.S.C. Coy. to be Cpl. 7.5.41; L/Cpl. H. V. Pearce, A.S.C. Coy. to be Cpl. 7.5.41; S/Sgt. F. C. Young, Pay Section, to be S.Q.M.S. 3.5.41; Sgt. Rakusen, M.B.E., Pay Section to be S/Sgt. 9.5.41; Pte. W. R. Greenhalgh, Pay Section to be Cpl. 15.5.41; L/Cpl. H. O. Gillies, No. 2 Coy. to be Pte. (at his own request) 10.5.41; Pte. Julian Din, Sp. Gd. Coy. to be Cpl. 12.5.41; Pte. W. Sharp, No. 2 Coy. to be L/Cpl. 10.5.41; Pte. I. M. Macrae, No. 2 Coy. to be L/Cpl. 10.5.41; L/Bdr. L. L. Rocha, 4th Bty. to be Edr. 13.5.41; L/Bdr. I. S. A. Cureem, 4th Bty. to be Edr. 13.5.41; L/Bdr. Y. K. Tam, 4th Bty. to be Gnr. 13.5.41; Gnr. S. Ho, 4th Bty. to be L/Bdr. 13.5.41; Gnr. H. F. Yung, 4th Bty. to be L/Bdr. 13.5.41; Pte. Tang Tung Hon, No. 4 Coy. to be L/Cpl. 15.5.41; Cpl. A. L. Cole, A.S.C. Coy. to be Sxt. 15.5.41.

Transfers

Major S. Jarvis, M.C., Port. Coy. H.Q. to Corps H.Q. 14.5.41; Major J. T. Ride, Fd. Amb. to Corps H.Q. 14.5.41; Captain F. P. Sequira, No. 6 Coy. to Corps H.Q. 14.5.41; Captain V. C. Branson, M.B.E. M.C., No. 4 Coy. to Port. Coy. 15.5.41; Captain H. A. de B. Boelio, No. 5 Coy. to No. 6 Coy. 15.5.41; Captain G. W. Carr, Corps Signals, Stanley Plm. 14.5.41; Sgt. F. H. Neale, Mob. Coln. to Unit Res. 15.5.41; Gnr. H. Foy, 2nd Bty. to Pay Secs. 15.5.41.

Leave

Gnr. L. J. Benach, 1st Bty. 4.3.41-12.6.41; Gnr. B. J. Murray, 1st Bty. 13.5.41-21.5.41; Gnr. J. R. M. Smith, 1st Bty. 30.7.41-29.9.41; Gnr. G. M. Davreux, 2nd Bty. 14.5.41-17.5.41; Gnr. T. C. Ho, 3rd Bty. 13.5.41-12.6.41; L/Bdr. K. Y. Chu, 4th Bty. 4.5.41-17.5.41; Gnr. F. Y. Chu, 4th Bty. 12.5.41-16.5.41; Gnr. Tang King-hong, 4th Bty. 13.5.41-19.5.41; Gnr. H. W. Brown, 4th Bty. 16.5.41-17.5.41; Sgt. J. G. Bailey, Fd. Coy. Engrs. 21.4.41-1.5.41.

Strength-Decrease

Sgtm. H. L. Carson, Corps Signals, Bty. 6.5.41; Pte. C. M. Knaggs, Mob. Coln. 9.5.41.

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MONDAY	
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NOTICE
Officers' Mess Meeting.—A Special Officers' Mess Meeting will be held at St. John's Place Hus No. 8 on Thursday, May 22 at 8 p.m., all Officers not on duty will attend.

Lecture.—A lecture will be given to all Officers by G. S. H.Q.C. C. on conclusion of the Officers' Mess Meeting on May 22.

Sergeants' Mess Committee Meeting.—Sergeants' Mess Committee Meeting will be held on Wed., May 21 at 5.30 p.m. All unit representative will attend.

Service Rate for Cinema.—By kind permission of General Amusements Ltd., the Service Rate is available to Volunteers in uniform at the Queen's Theatre. (Cents 70 for Back Seats).

NEW OFFICERS OF REFEREES' ASSN.

Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association, has resigned owing to ill-health.

Mr. D. Kossick, Civilian Representative on the Committee, has also resigned.

At a meeting of the Committee held last night the following officers were appointed:

Chairman—Mr. Glover, R.N.; Hon. Sec.—Mr. Marie; Naval Representative—Mr. Mitchell; Army Rep.—Lt. Crossman; Civilian Rep.—Mr. Silva.

RUGBY FINAL

LONDON, May 18 (Reuters)—In the final of the Rugby League Cup played yesterday, Leeds beat Hallfax by 19 points to 2.

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